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Mrs. J. B. Hill

A Tribute to Mrs. Hill From The Board of Directors of the Women's General Missionary Society

THE Board of Directors of the Women's General Missionary Society wishes to pay loving tribute to the memory of Mrs. J. B. Hill, Treasurer, who went home to life with her Master on September 5, 1941.

Fifteen years after the organization of the Board of Directors Mrs. Hill was elected a member and since that day in 1901 has given her loving service without remuneration.

Her first office within the Board was Recording Secretary for one year. She then was Secretary of the Negro Department until 1904 when she was elected Treasurer, becoming the second treasurer since the organization of the Board in 1886. During the 37 years she could be found daily at her desk, except one afternoon each month which she always reserved for the missionary meeting of her local society.

Hers was not a mechanical service of receipts and disbursements. Each presbyterial treasurer was her special friend and each contributor a vital factor in the work.

Many women throughout the entire denomination have loved and honored her because of the kindly thought expressed in her correspondence with them. Her messages of love and sympathy brought courage and comfort to the sick, the needy, the discouraged, and the sorrowing.

Her life was a constant uplift to all. Her example and gentle influence did much to awaken interest in the missionary activities of the Church. She also made many friends throughout the denomination. When United Presbyterians in passing through the city came to visit the headquarters of the Church, she was there to greet the strangers.

She was associated with the different Boards of the Church through their treasurers and there was a special bond of friendship between her and each missionary supported by the organization.

Mrs. Hill, accompanied by the late Mrs. H. C. Campbell, visited our Foreign Mission fields in 1910-1911 and became closely linked with the work and the workers of each station.

During the years as treasurer, several million dollars passed through her hands. Auditors marveled at the beautiful figures and the pages without an erasure and each year reported no errors in her accounts.

The Christlike radiance of her life surrounded every member of the Board associated with her. Her life was interwoven with seventy-six Board members during her term of service.

Her home-going will be mourned by the membership of the Women's General Missionary Society. All have lost a dear friend as well as a very valued and esteemed treasurer. Her gentleness made her great. She was lovable, helpful, always true, always tender; the memory of her is a benediction. No woman identified with our missionary organization has been more profoundly or widely loved than Mrs. J. B. Hill, Treasurer, and well did she deserve love.

No higher praise can be given to any life than to say of it: "She was faithful." Jesus said of Mary: "She hath done what she could." The same may be said of Mrs. Hill.

She was faithful in her home and in her congregation and all its activities. For thirty-five years she was the Superintendent of the Junior Department of her Sabbath School. The Allegheny County Sabbath School Association honored her two years ago by presenting her a service pin for her fifty years as a Sabbath School teacher.

She was faithful also in the missionary work of the denomination and in the special task that was hers as treasurer. Her life was hid in Christ and serving Him was her chief joy.

Her life here is ended, her books have been closed, her pen has been laid down, but her influence will linger as the youth of the springtime or the summer sunshine, to continue year after year in the homes and hearts of all.

We cannot estimate the influence of such a life. It is like the life of Jesus Christ in its purpose to serve for the building of the Master's Kingdom. May her influence inspire her co-workers to renewed devotion in their task, and may her life now closed re-echo to us the spirit of her life as represented in these lines:

"My life is not my own, but Christ's who gave it
And He bestows it upon all the race.
I lose it for His sake and thus I save it;
I hold it close, but only to expand it;
Accept it, Lord, for others, through Thy grace."

THE NEW TREASURER

Because of the death of the General Treasurer, Mrs. J. B. Hill, the Board has elected to succeed her Mrs. Harriet S. Boobyer, 907 Publication Building, Pittsburgh, Pa.

An Unusual Record

A Tribute to Mrs. Hill, which was read at the funeral services by her pastor, the Reverend Robert W. Gibson, D.D.

AND I heard a voice from heaven saying, Write, Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth: yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; for their works follow with them."—Revelation 14:13.

Forty years of service to the Mission Cause of our denomination both at home and abroad; a long life of service in the religious training of children, a radiant life in the center of a home would seem to entitle one to rest from her labors. To many of us nothing is more wearing than working with figures and keeping of accurate records. To do this for so long a period, handling thousands of dollars without remuneration is a record which will never again be equalled in our denomination or any other. To work with children requires patience. To keep from becoming weary in well doing demands boundless grace. What inspired such a life? It was a vision of Christ pleading, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth laborers unto His harvest." It was the hearing of Christ's great Commission, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you, and lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the World." The early church produced its Priscillas, its Lydias, its Dorcases and its Loises. We may well be proud that our generation gave to the Church Martha McClure Hill. It is not necessary for us to sing her praises for what she has done is known wherever our denominational banner flies. We do, however, feel like praising God for what He has accomplished through her; for the gentle, poised, humble, devoted spirit which He developed in that small rugged body of hers.

Her works do follow her. As long as Women's Work continues her name will be revered. As long as the children whom she has taught remain she will live. And better still, one of the great surprises that awaits her on yonder side is that host whom she has helped into the Kingdom whose names she has forgotten or maybe never knew.

Is it worth while to live such a life? To ask the question is to answer it. She believed it was, and so do we, for she felt as did the great apostle Paul who said, "I know whom I have believed and I am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day." For such the judgment day holds no fears, rather is freighted with glorious anticipation.

Familiar Pathways---United Presbyterian Home Missions

Pathways to Christ in City and Country

By THE REVEREND W. BRUCE WILSON, D.D., Secretary of the Board of Home Missions

ALL AMERICAN Christians ought to rejoice in the blessings we have in the United States, and thank God for the gracious Providence that has so far granted escape from the dread horrors of war and the tragic devastation that other nations have experienced. At the same time we need to be mindful of the forces within our shores that constitute a threat to our national life. These forces are a challenge that must be faced realistically by the Christian Church. They may be summarized as follows:

"85,000,000, or 63% of our population without the Church.

"30,000,000 children and youth without any religious training.

"30,000,000 foreign-born, parents and their families, representing 45 nationalities.

"96 metropolitan centers have 45% of our population, with the evils of city life, and in many of them only one out of seven are members of a church.

"The active criminal population is 4½ million which is 3½ times as many as are enrolled in our colleges and universities; the annual crime bill is $15,000,000,000, $120 for every man, woman and child.

"The national liquor bill last year was $5,000,000,000, a little short of 50% of the country's food bill. We spent $15.33 per capita for education, and $38.60 per capita for liquor."

The above facts are suggestive of the tremendous task that confronts the church in general. They also have significant implications for all home mission agencies and likewise for foreign missions—for we shall be able to help evangelize the world only in proportion as America becomes genuinely Christian.

No one at all acquainted with the facts dare claim that America is yet genuinely Christian—or even in some areas adequately churched. There are still some 8,000 unchurched communities in the United States. To be sure the vast majority of these communities are sparsely settled, below the average in culture, poverty-stricken, and with little local leadership. Home Mission money and leadership are needed to maintain churches in such communities. The problem of the rural church and its continued ministry must be faced also. There are 167,000 rural churches in America, and a vast number of these have steadily declining memberships and financial resources. Many of them do not even attempt to carry on an adequate religious program that will minister to the needs of their areas. The rural churches that once furnished most of our Christian leaders —ministerial and lay—are gradually

dying in hundreds of localities; and the rural communities once served are virtually becoming pagan. Outside mission help and skillfully trained and consecrated rural ministers must be provided if the rural church is to be saved.

IN NEW FIELDS AND OLD

So far as the life of the United Presbyterian Church in America is concerned, the most important phase of American Mission work is the work in city and country. In the carrying on of this phase of Home Mission activity, the Board establishes new fields in needy and promising city and suburban areas; assists old established congregations in both city and country that face difficulties due to shifting populations or changing economic conditions; and supports Bible School missions in needy areas. The entire denominational program at home and abroad is dependent for its life upon this work. Regardless of what may be done, some old established churches that have been sources of spiritual power, consecrated living and liberal mission giving will face disorganization. New congregations must, therefore, be established to take their place—otherwise, there will be a definite loss to the work of the Church at large. It is also just as essential to our denominational growth to maintain a church with its helpful ministry where the same is needed, as it is to organize a new church.

In recent years a good many congregations in rural and semi-rural areas have been saved from disorganization through Home Mission aid. In some cases weaker congregations have been consolidated into one strong unit; others have been combined to form a double charge under a single pastor. Such changes and adjustments do not mean loss. They rather are the means of strengthening the work of Christ in their respective communities. The Board is conscious of the fact that if many of our rural churches are to be maintained, some aid must be provided in order to guarantee a living salary for the pastor.

OPPORTUNITIES IN SUBURBS

The new shifting of population in America from the old established city areas into the suburbs presents an unusual opportunity and responsibility to the Christian Church. The American Board has before it applications for the establishement of at least eleven new churches in such suburban areas. Religious surveys have been taken and the results indicate a desire on the part of the residents of these communities for the establishment of a United Presbyterian Church. Where such churches have been established in recent years, the growth of the churches for the most part has been rapid, and already a number of these congregations have come to full self-support and are contributing liberally to the entire missionary enterprise of the denomination. The past record indicates the wisdom of undertaking such work. As an illustration of what can be accomplished, work was begun in a suburb of Philadelphia—Manoa Township—last October. Within a month the mission was organized into a congregation, with a charter membership of 152. In the short space of a year, this congregation already has 240 members, a Bible School of 290, and

Manoa Church,
Philadelphia, Penna.

has contributed in the few months of its existence more than $800 to the Missionary Budget. It has already outgrown its chapel, and plans are under way for the immediate erection of an addition to the building. It is assuming half of the pastor's salary for the first year of its existence and proposes to be self-supporting in less than three years. Similar opportunities await the Board in other fields.

A few years ago one of our old established rural churches in Ohio was facing disorganization due to declining membership and lack of interest. It was able to contribute to the salary of a minister only $500, and the few remaining members doubted the wisdom of continuing the work. Due to the fact that both presbytery and the American Board believed that there was still a field and a need for a church in that rural community, additional Home Mission aid was granted and a missionary was sent to the field who understood and loved rural work. In the short space of two years, this old congregation and the surrounding community have experienced a real spiritual revival. The membership of the congregation has doubled, while the average attendance at the morning worship service has jumped from 28 to over 100. The Bible School has an enrollment of 150, and the missionary teaches classes in week-day religious education in the nearby school. The congregation confidently expects to be fully self supporting within two years. An adequate spiritual program has been developed and the entire surrounding rural area is now conscious of the church and its ministry.

FRUITFUL FIELDS

During the past year, 89 city and suburban congregations and 55 country congregations located in 44 presbyteries have received help from the American Board. The salaries of the missionaries in these fields were paid in whole or in part by the Board.

These churches report a total communicant membership of 17,540. There was an increase by profession of faith of 1,229 and by certificate of 862. The percentage of increase by profession was 7.54. The total net gain was 1,409, which was more than twice as large a net gain as the entire denomination reported. In this connection, it should be said that had it not been for the net gain in the mission stations under the American Board, the denomination as a whole would have reported a loss in membership for the past year. The outlook for future growth in these mission stations is strengthened by the fact that they report 18,098 scholars in their Bible Schools under the training of 1,682 teachers. The majority of the mission stations conducted Vacation Bible Schools during the past year, while more than forty of them carried on a regular program of week-day religious education for their communities. For the support of the missionaries and pastors, the mission stations contributed $99,995, and to the regular Missionary Budget $15,795, or a total contribution for the past year for pastoral support and denominational missionary activity of $115,790. During the year these stations received from the American Board in salary aid a total of $85,962—thus contributing to pastoral support and to the Mission Boards $29,828 more than was invested in them. Almost without exception, each of these missions maintains one or more Young People's societies, and one or more Women's Missionary sosieties.

Home Mission Work in city and country vitalizes the life of our entire Church. It gives the Church an outlook and an outreach. It lifts it out of a narrow provincialism and a self-centered parochialism. It sets before the local church proper objectives which release the spirit of liberality and thus deliver it from pettiness and pauperism. Moreover, it is the great unifying agency of the Church. When members begin to

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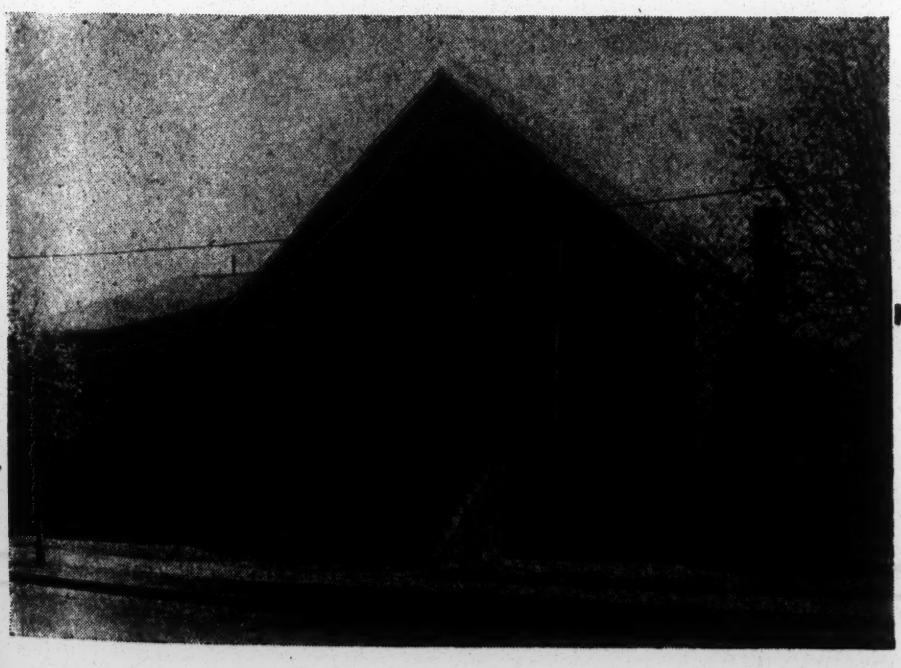


Margaret Park Church
Akron, Ohio

Pathways to Christ in the Mountains

First Findings From Frenchburg

By MR. AND MRS. HARRY L. COWDEN, Frenchburg, Kentucky

TO come from the low rolling plains of Northeastern Ohio to the foothills of the mountains in Eastern Kentucky is indeed an interesting experience. We have been at Frenchburg less than a month and have found that the natural beauty of this institution is all and more than has been described to us by those who preceded us, and by reports printed periodically in *The Womens Missionary Magazine.* May we say at the outset that in order to appreciate Frenchburg Mission one must come and see for himself just what God hath wrought in the three decades just passed.

BEAUTY

The little village of Frenchburg, the county seat of Menifee County, is beautifully situated; nestled in a cove and, contrary to historic Rome, is surrounded by seven distinct hills. One has only to gaze about him to see the beauties of nature and the handiwork of God; to agree again with the Psalmist, "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord which made heaven and earth." He realizes in a new way that God is the God and Father of us all and that He careth for all his children. As the mountains seem to protect this little village, so the Lord watches over His own. Coming at the time that we did the privilege was soon ours to enjoy the harvest moon, and as the workers gathered each evening on the beautiful campus we were again reminded of what the Psalmist expressed: "When I consider the heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and stars, which thou hast ordained; what is man that thou are mindful of him? And the son of man that thou visitest him?"

WELCOME

The King and Queen of England received no warmer welcome from the people of the United States and Canada than did we on our arrival at the Teachers' Home on the campus. Mr. Stephens, our predecessor, Mr. and Mrs. Hey, the Misses Beveridge and Raymond Hughes greeted us most cordially with "Welcome to Frenchburg."

"Who seeks for heaven alone to save his soul
May keep the patch, but will not reach the goal;
While he who walks in love may wander far,
But God will bring him where the Blessed are."

The longer we are here the more truly we know that these lines depict the truth, for it is indeed a privilege to be associated with such a fine group

(Mr. Harry L. Cowden is the newly appointed Superintendent of the Frenchburg School at Frenchburg, Kentucky. Mrs. Cowden will be a teacher in the school. These young people bring their fine experience in educational work into the school and community. They take the places filled for several years by the Reverend and Mrs. Glenn Stephens.—Editor)

of consecrated workers. One can readily see why the Frenchburg Mission has been able through all the years to maintain such high ideals and standards not only from an educational but more particularly from a religious standpoint. As the remainder of the faculty gather we hope and pray that we may all work together as we live—one big family.

The residents of the village have been very generous in their hospitality. They know no strangers and have gone out of their way to be kind to us. This spirit of friendliness could be profitably adopted by many a community.

WORSHIP

The church is a very comfortable one, beautiful in its simplicity and one that certainly creates a worshipful attitude. The attendance for the summer is somewhat lower than during the school year. Listening to the children's sweet voices in song and hearing them say their memory verses makes us realize as never before that God is using this mission station for His glory and for the good of his children. As fine a Bible lesson as we have ever heard was taught last Sabbath by a local layman, one who has come to truly know his Lord. May this good work continue!

SERVICE

Our new hospital is being built as rapidly as we are able to secure materials. At this writing the brick is laid, most of the plumbing and wiring done, and some concrete has been poured. We are anxiously awaiting its completion for we realize the great need there is for such an institution, ours being the only hospital in Menifee County. Our efficient nurse, Mrs. Meda Hovermale, ministers to the needs of the sick and afflicted in an emergency hospital located in her home on the campus.

Our workmen are busily engaged doing repair work on the school building and the boys' and girls' dormitories. New floors have been laid in the school building, the teachers' desks and the library table have been varnished, and the roof has been painted. Improvements have been made in the dormitories that will make them more cheery places for the students to live.

The Frenchburg faculty has always been proud of its physical surroundings, having planted many flowers on the campus so that the casual observer is impressed immediately by the evidence of interest. At present we are badly in need of rain to restore the grounds to their natural beauty.

Since our coming we have received some used clothing, and we hope that many organizations throughout the church will answer the appeal of Mr. Stephens which went out just as he closed his work here. This certainly does serve a real purpose. Many are clothed and afforded the privilege of attending school.

Frenchburg has had a glorious past, and as we enter upon this new field of work we covet your prayers and continued interest for a successful present and a brilliant future.

PRAYER

Our prayer is that of Charlotte Gilman:

"Only for these I pray,
Pray with assurance strong:
Light to discover the way,
Power to follow it long.

"Let me have light to see,
Light to be sure and know;
When the road is clear to me
Willingly I go.

"Let me have power to do,
Power of the brain and nerve,
Though the task is heavy and new
Willingly I will serve.

"My prayers are lesser than three,
Nothing I pray but two:
Let me have light to see,
Let me have power to do."

Glimpses of Greenville

By MRS. M. M. BROWN

(When Dr. M. M. Brown and Mrs. Brown had to give up work in India they accepted service in the Mountains where they labored happily for several years. After the home going of Dr. Brown, Mrs. Brown with her daughter Sarah, continued to serve in Greeneville which has become so dear to them.—Editor)

FOR many years the United Presbyterian church carried on an extensive educational program in East Tennessee.

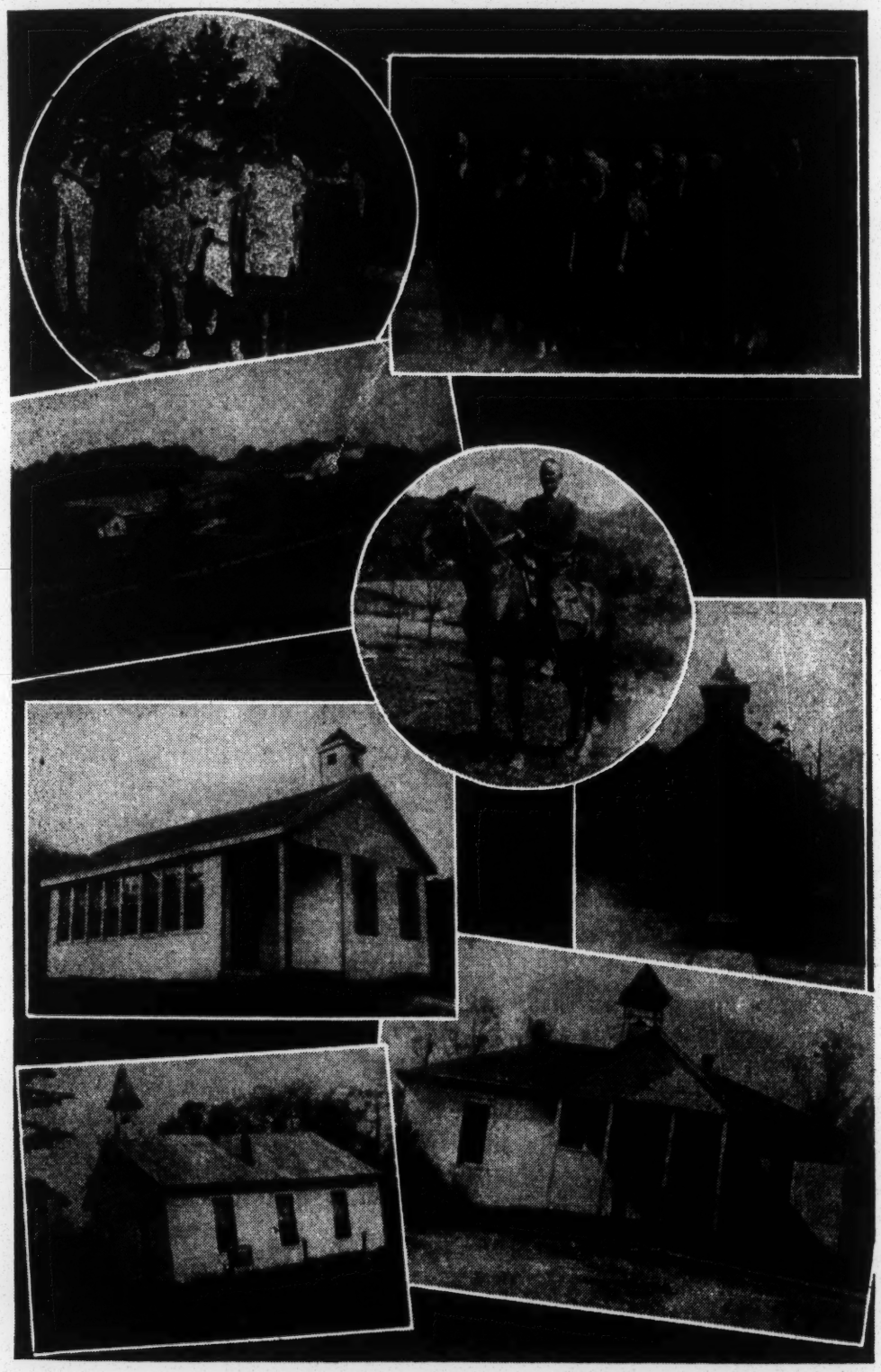
Owing to the fact that when this work was started, the State and County were not providing adequate school facilities for pupils, our church met a very urgent need.

As years went by the State and County wished to assume the responsibility of providing both Elementary and High Schools and discouraged the continuance of schools supported by churches. Some of the buildings were sold to the County at a very nominal price and others are still being used by the Board of Education.

Over a period of more than thirty years these schools ministered to the needs of thousands of children who otherwise would have had very meager opportunities for an education. In the dormitories and in the class rooms children were associated with consecrated Christian teachers and today, hundreds of people are thankful that the United Presbyterian Church carried on this work. Those who were pupils in the schools are now leaders in churches of various denominations and in the communities in which they live. That type of work is finished but the results will go on and on through those who were brought to Christ through the schools.

THE ORGANIZED CHURCH

Congregations had been organized and when the educational work was closed the workers supported by the Board of American Missions carried on direct evangelistic work. The work at Camp Creek was closed as another denomination started work there. The community is too small for two churches and the other denomination was able to build a church building better adapted to the work than the school building where we had held our services. At Zion and Cedar Creek there are small congregations partly self-supporting. The members of these two congregations are fine cultured people most of whom own their own farms. It is a joy to live among them and to count them as dear friends and co-laborers with us in the work here.



Courtesy Board of Home Missions

MOUNTAIN MISSION SCENES

1. Vacation Bible School, Houston Valley. 2. United Presbyterian Mountain Mission Workers. 3. Rollins Chapel. 4. Reverend Elijah Chandler and Dan Patch. 5. Shelton Chapel. 6. Houston Valley School and Church. 7. Zion Church. 8. Horse Creek School and Church.

A WIDENING SERVICE

There is living in the mountains and on the edge of this community a large group of what we might call under-privileged people. Many of them do not own any land and if they do, it is so poor in quality that it is well nigh impossible for them to earn a living for their families. For this reason many have resorted to the illicit manufacture of liquor for which there is a ready sale. Many, however, have never done this and are fine upright people but greatly hampered by poverty and ill health resulting from improper food.

This group cannot support pastors and mission work is carried on at six places not counting Cedar Creek and Zion. This work is carried on through Sabbath Schools, Young People's work, Daily Vacation Bible Schools and preaching services, along with house to house visitation. One worker has taught Bible in a county High school and organized chapters of the Miracle Book Club among young people, one of which is on the campus of the Johnson City State Teachers' College. The purpose of all this work is to minister to the spiritual life of those who are already Christians and to encourage them to witness by life and word to the power of Christ in their lives and to bring the unsaved to accept Christ as their Saviour. In one Bible class in a High school during the last school year every girl, not already a Christian, accepted Christ as her Saviour.

WINNING MEN ONE BY ONE

An aged man who had lived a life of sin accepted the Lord as his Saviour in some special meetings. We visited him many times during his long and painful last illness. Many times his faith wavered as he remembered the awful sins he had committed and it was a joy to give him the comfort of the Word. "Though your sins be as scarlet they shall be as white as snow," brought comfort and peace but again and again the Evil One would destroy that peace. He died with his faith in the Lord.

While calling in a home where there were five adults and four children living in three rooms, one of the grandmothers told us of her lack of peace. She said she believed but could not have the satisfaction of knowing that her sins were forgiven. A large print Bible was provided for her so that she could read for herself. Frequently a Christian friend read and prayed with her but she continued for a long time to have the same doubt. But at evening time it was light. Peace came to her troubled heart and she told her friends that she had assurance that she was saved. The funeral service gave a fine opportunity to present the Gospel message to many unsaved neighbors and friends.

A prosperous farmer in the valley section of Greene county had a severe illness. He had been a very sinful man. He sought help. Some told him to live right and he would get to heaven but that brought him no relief for he had tried that. One day while he was still in bed, one of our workers went to see him. The real Gospel message was given and the verse which brought him peace was I Peter 2:24, "Himself bare our sins in his own body on the tree." His joy over forgiven sin was wonderful. His wife

and two daughters accepted the Lord, too, and great was the rejoicing, when, before the congregation, they received baptism and united with the church. Other members of their family are still unsaved.

The need is great all about us, but no greater than it is in every city, town and rural district in our great land, as well as in other lands. Christ gave his program for *every Christian —not just for Christian workers*: "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and in Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth."

Are we each one faithfully witnessing each day? Is there a consuming desire in our lives to bring souls to Christ? Only thus can a Christian faithfully carry out Christ's program as one by one people are brought to the Lord to the glory of God and the advancement of His Kingdom.

Tennessee Trophies

Sketches of lives of boys and girls, men and women who found the Pathway to Christ in the Home Mission schools and churches in the Tennessee mountains and who are leading others along this Pathway.

A Good Investment

OUR former secretary of Home Missions often said: "If there is one boy or one girl in your community worth giving a chance then the investment of time, labor, and money is worth while." Judging by this standard we know the years of service of the United Presbyterian church in East Tennessee has not been in vain. Each year the schools make a contribution of young lives of promise; thinking through the years, the number who have made good grows much too large to tell of each one, or even of those who are making outstanding successes. The list includes ministers, nurses, one doctor, many teachers in public schools, business men and women, farmers and farmer's wives, whose lives continue to spread the influence and training received.

The sketches below are but a few of those which might be written. If space permitted we should hear from a young man from the first graduating class at Camp Creek, who has been in the employ of a large manufacturing company for years but whose chief joy is in the West End Mission of a certain city noted for hospitality. Also from a young girl graduate of later years who became head nurse in a Chattanooga hospital, from the Cedar Creek graduate who was an evangelist for Moody Bible Institute and now represents the Pocket Testament League of Philadelphia; and two other ministers—one in New York State, the other in North Carolina, and from the many fathers, mothers, and teachers in Greene county who were given the opportunity they needed and are now leaders in community and church life.

Fern Richards.
Shelton Station, Greeneville, Tenn.

The Call of The Mountains

FOR I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

This is the testimony of one who was born in the mountains of Eastern Tennessee not very far from the entrance to the Great Smoky Mountain National Park; born of parents who were poor and humble.

The mother died leaving four small children. Unknown to the family the Heavenly Father was planning for the care of these little ones. He directed and opened the way for two of them to enter the dormitory of the Greene County United Presbyterian Mission school. Without any of this world's goods they were cared for and every provision was made for them. After the first year the writer of this sketch was taken into the home of Reverend and Mrs. Moses Hay, and for ten years was the recipient of their care, finishing High School in 1921 and realizing, in part, what these good people and the United Presbyterian Church and Christ had done for a chap like him.

In the autumn of 1921 another great venture was taken, still guided and encouraged by the blessed teachers of dear old Camp Creek. This took him to Chicago to attend Moody Bible Institute. It was there that the decision was made to prepare to become a servant in the Vineyard. After finishing the Bible School and the Seminary in 1927 a call came to minister to the Kirklin, Indiana, United Presbyterian Church. And what a blessed time he had with these wonderful people! Later there came a call to the Brunswick United Presbyterian Church. There he found a fine group of people, who loved the Word. All this time the bond of love had not been broken with the friends and work of the Tennessee Mountains in Greene County.

Because of health conditions it seemed advisable to leave the damp area of Gary and move to a higher and drier climate. Without any action on his part there came a call from Ontario in Eastern Oregon and later from Weiser in Western Idaho, where six happy years were spent.

The great need of the gospel in the Tennessee mountains, never seemed to grow less after being away seventeen years. In 1939 the Board of American Missions sent a call to take up work at Cedar Creek.

With his fine Christian wife, who was also a graduate of the Cedar Creek School, he went back to this dear place. From the depths of their hearts there comes gratitude to the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ for what he permitted His instrument—the United Presbyterian Church—to do for a great number of boys and girls in the Mountains of Eastern Tennessee. Eternity alone will reveal all. May God keep His Church true to this Word and to their missionary zeal.

Rev. Klon E. Matthews.

Training For Christain Service

A YOUNG girl with a very unhappy family background was recommended to Cedar Creek by neighbor girls already in school. The local chapter of the Red Cross was interested in her and assumed her immediate support. She was a crippled girl but she had a good mind and a desire to learn, so she did not permit her handicap to stand in her way. Her school work was done well, and with a keen ambition to excel. In addition, she had regular dormitory work and took on washing and ironing for teachers, room cleaning and hair cutting. These jobs gave her small expense money. Ten years she stayed with us, graduating in good standing. She spent one year in Murphy College, another in Milligan College, married a young man preparing for the ministry in the Disciples Church, and has proved a real helpmeet to him.

Much of her success has been due to a Christian man and woman who, after one year, supported her in school with their tithe money and during vacations took her into their home, but she always expresses great gratitude to the school which gave her an opportunity.

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Sometimes it is necessary for a mother to assume all the responsibility for rearing and educating a family. This was the case in one instance where seven children were in the family and the father became ill before the two youngest were born. The task might have been accomplished some other way but both parents gratefully acknowledge a debt of gratitude to our church and school for the success of their children of whom they have a right to be proud. After the close of Cedar Creek the youngest daughter took her Senior year at Frenchburg, Ky., and this year the youngest son expects to enter there as a freshman. If so, all the family, a group of seven young people, not just taking their place in the world but in God's kingdom as well, will have gone out from our schools.

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In another family were five girls. In their home the Lord was loved and served. That fact was manifest in the girls who came to us. The father and mother were not physically strong, and though their farm provided the necessities of life there was not money for education farther than the elementary schools. All of these girls were at different times students at Cedar Creek. One married, another left school when needed at home; the others graduated from High school. Two have been successful teachers in the County schools and the youngest is an assistant in a hospital. They still maintain their home, though the parents are gone, and they are all leaders in the Christian work of their communities.

Miss Williams,
Paint Creek Station,
Greeneville, Tenn.

My Boys and Girls

WE are proud of our boys and girls. For twenty-eight years I have lived with them day and night, for my work has been largely in the dormitory. Parents come to me with their problems. Only a day or two ago a father came saying that his son, who is a junior in the High School over at Camp Creek, had not found a place to board. I said, "You have him go right on and some place will be found." Immediately I wrote a note to the Superintendent of the High School and the next day Harry had a good place in a fine Christian home.

One of our girls is going to Berea to College. She had no trunk. Here was an old one that could be mended. I called a man to fix it, then I varnished it and the father came with a sled to take it up the mountain side, to their home, a very attractive trunk for the college girl.

Four of our students are in the Camp Creek High School and one of our girls graduated in June from Hot Springs High School.

Many of the girls who have been in our dormitories are married and keeping homes of their own. When we visit their homes and see how well they are kept we certainly feel proud of them. When we go to Greeneville we find in every church our students; they are ushers, and members of the choirs, teachers in the Sabbath Schools and elders in the church. They are public school teachers, members of school boards, office workers, nurses and cashiers in banks. From our boys six have become ministers.

Yes we are proud of our boys and girls in Paint Creek!

(Miss Thompson adds, "I wish you would come down and visit us." This invitation is passed on to the many motorists who may be driving south).

Martha Thompson,
Paint Creek Station, Greeneville,
Tennessee.

FAMILIAR PATHWAYS

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pray for, to give to, and to work for other members in other parts of the Church, their interests and sympathies are enlarged, and they become unified in a common spirit and purpose. The reflex influence of missions on a local congregation is a factor in this enterprise which must not be overlooked. A congregation cannot save its own soul unless it saves others.

Home Missions then constitutes the most realistic, the most indispensable task, of the Church. If it has lost some of its prestige and power in the thinking of our people, it deserves, nay it demands, to be restored to its rightful position in the program and purpose of the Church. It challenges to a more liberal support, to a more earnest cooperation on the part of all our people.

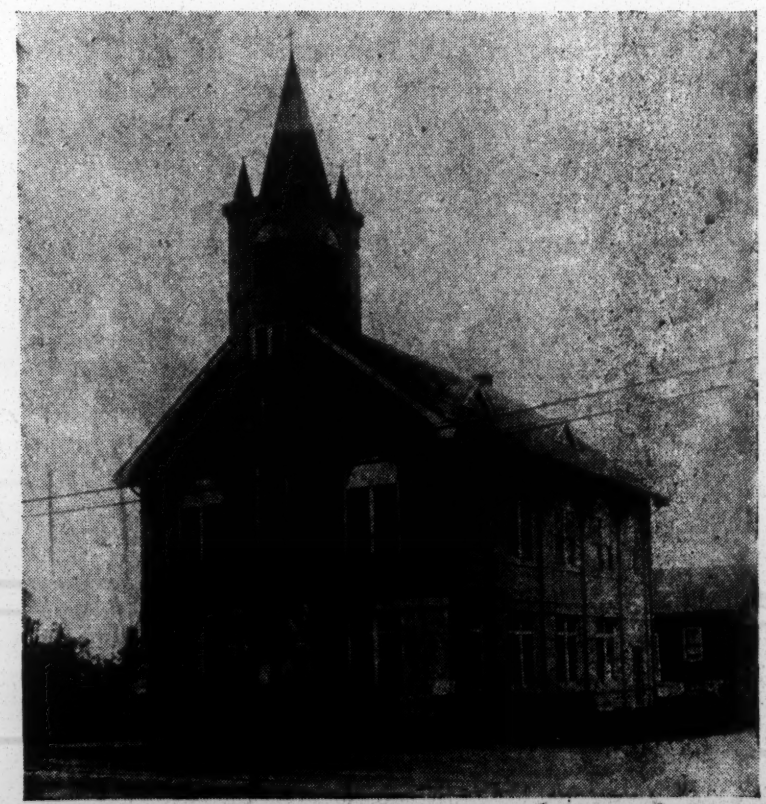
Pathways to Christ Among New Americans

By MISS MARY JUNE ZUCCHI, Rehoboth, Mass.

THE pathway of service among foreign-speaking people in our country is perhaps the least known of any of our work and yet it is of great importance in molding character and a great factor in building a Christian America.

One wonders why a special missionary is designated for these people, who are located among churches of all denominations and creeds. The fact is the lost sheep has not been able to find its way to the fold and the shepherd must go out for it. Many of these aliens are timid in meeting people of different languages, customs and worship. Some of them find their way to the old church with which they were formerly connected but statistics show that only about one-third of the Italian people in the United States are Roman Catholic. A very few are Protestants and sixty per cent are unchurched. This is true not only of Italians but of other nationalities as well.

Home Missions makes its way to the very homes of these people. Through personal contacts barriers are broken; many are found desirous of becoming Americanized; they are eager for the Gospel, grateful and appreciative. Most of our converts come through this personal touch, when the Bible is opened to them and prayer is made a vital experience. Women's groups are organized for the purpose of worship and evangel-



The Italian Church, East Providence, R. I.

The pastor of this church is the Reverend T. E. Zucchi.

The congregation is well organized, with a Sabbath School and A Young People's Society. It ministers to a large community of foreign speaking people and New Americans.

Prize Winners in the Vacation Bible School, Cranston, R. I.

ism; sewing classes are conducted to aid women in making clothing for their children, or in mending them, thus teaching economy and self-help in cases of small incomes. Conducting classes in Americanization and in English has always been a part of the missionary's work. However in recent years the government, through its educational program, has placed Americanization within reach of all its people. Often the mission building is used for one of the government classes. However the work of the church in this line is not over.

Not long ago I entered a home to find a middle-aged couple, weary and discouraged, filling out a blank for their first citizenship papers. They were reluctant to pledge their allegiance to the United States. They felt that America had been hard to them. The husband had been in this country forty years; he had been without employment during much of the depression period. The wife, a kindly person, who knew very little English had had a physical breakdown. They thought of America, for the moment as a terrible place. I talked to them awhile trying to show them how much America was really doing for people like themselves, people who were not citizens but aliens, how America was clothing and feeding them, providing free clinics, schools and churches for them. Their views seemed to change, their hearts became lighter and they proceeded to fill out the blanks and showed real joy in the prospect of becoming American citizens. They had not been really ungrateful; they were lonely and discouraged and in need of a friend. Much suffering is often caused the alien by his lack of knowledge and by our lack of sympathetic understanding and helpfulness.

Home Missions is also doing a great work in foreign speaking settlements among the children, who are indeed new Americans, creating wholesome recreation and opportunities for self-expression, leading to high ideals and to the knowledge and acceptance of the saving Christ. It is a heartening experience to have children of all ages stopping in at the mission after school hours with books under their arms, all coming because they love to come; they love the worship, the Bible study and the singing of God's praise. Thirty or forty of them will crowd into the small room. Thus in various places,

hundreds of these boys and girls are reached daily for Christ and country, who would otherwise be loose in the unwholesome surroundings of the street.

Wholesome activities of various kinds are provided for them such as sewing, wood-work, tin and leather handicraft, art, and supervised play. Daily Vacation Bible Schools are held for four or six weeks during the summer. Often the older young people become fine helpers. Last summer a young girl, seventeen years old, a mission product, now employed in a jewelry store gave up her one week of vacation to help in our Vacation Bible School. Many of the children from these summer schools become active in the Bible School, and the Young People's Society. Many of them grow up into fine Christian manhood and womanhood. The future of America lies in these our future Christian citizens.

It has been verified by statesmen as well as churchmen, that in alien communities with Home Mission centers, radical ideas do not arise. Nor is delinquency among the youth prevalent.

The Protestant Church claims a large number of followers among the foreign speaking peoples, followers, who are firm in their belief in the Lord Jesus Christ, zealous and enduring. We need not go to foreign lands to find converts persecuted, having to give up father, mother and home for their belief. Many of these become outcasts in their families. I have seen some of our dear converts having to give up the very means of their livelihood. There are many adherents, who have been influenced by the church, but who have not come out openly for Christ because of fear of persecution. However, they attend the services and support the work financially.

The outreach of Mission work among foreign speaking people cannot be tabulated. A few years ago a young European couple of noble birth came to the United States on their honeymoon. One evening as they were walking down a street in Phila-

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Young People's Society, East Providence, R. I.

Pathways to Christ Through Co-operative Work

Religious Activities at Government Dams

ONE of the outstanding achievements in national missions is the cooperative religious work that is in progress at the several government projects which include the great western dams and the Homestead developments. From the inception of these enterprises several of the national home mission boards have pooled their interests and resources to make possible a religious ministry. Nine denominational boards are sharing in this constructive work.

Boulder Dam, located where the Colorado River forms a boundary between Arizona and Nevada, was the first of these construction projects in which the churches developed a cooperative program. In March, 1931, a group of men stood in the midst of sagebrush and sand, where some day a city was to stand. In their minds was the vision of a church that would serve the entire community. They were determined not to repeat the mistakes of the past and have many competing denominations come into this town. Out of their vision grew Grace Community Church. This church has been an excellent "investment" for it is now self-supporting and contributes annually to the projects of the Council. An attractive, well-constructed building which houses a new educational unit and a parsonage, has just been completed. It was built at a cost of $12,000; of this, $7,000 was contributed in cash and the balance in work and materials. Eighty men of the church contributed their labor to building the church and later to beautifying the grounds.

Attendance at Sabbath School is about 250 and at Vacation Bible School about 200. Boy Scouts and Girls' Clubs are popular. Discussion groups for married couples have reached many people who had drifted away from church. The young people participate in frequent dramatic presentations. A young people's chorus furnishes music for the evening service which is planned for young people.

At Easter 1941, fifteen new members were received into the church —five upon confession of faith, one from a Baptist church, three from Presbyterian churches and six from Methodist churches. Striking proof of its interdenominational character! The pastor is serving as chairman of a Community Coordinating Council, composed of representatives of all the organizations in Boulder City. They meet once a month to consider community problems. The women of the whole community, including the Roman Catholics, participate in the World Day of Prayer.

About 800 soldiers of the Military Police Unit have been stationed at Boulder City and the community plans to provide constructive leisure activities. The church expects to draw men of the army camp to the regular services.

Grace Community Church, now a

very definite part of the life of this community with its population of about 3,000, looks forward to even greater things.

The Grand Coulee Dam in Washington is the largest project ever undertaken by man. A wide alluvial plain of about 1,200,000 acres is awaiting the water which will make it productive. Electricity is now available.

Here again the several mission boards joined hands to help in the building of the church, in providing a parsonage and the salary of a minister. Services each Sabbath, a well organized Sabbath school, Daily Vacation Bible School, mothers' club, and young people's societies are keeping alive the flame of religious life in this frontier town. One boy said: "It is strange that I should come to a town like Grand Coulee to straighten up." Two young people's groups in the Grand Coulee Church carry on an active program. The United Youth Group of high school age, interested in doing something in its own community, has placed a copy of the *Upper Room* in each ward of the hospital. The Christian Fellowship Group (ages 21-30) has organized a Gospel Team.

A certain and significant future for the town and also for the Community Church seems assured.

Shasta Dam in northern California is one of the most recent of the government engineering projects. Here in Central Valley a great power and water reservoir is now in progress. It was conceived as far back as 1871, and after 64 years of agitation by local and state leaders, it was approved by the United States Bureau of Reclamation. Shasta will be the highest overflow type of dam in the world.

From a tiny place with one store and one auto court in 1935, the town of Central Valley came into being almost over night. As was the case in other projects, men in their eagerness for work, rushed to Central Valley in greater numbers than could be used. Families moved in so rapidly that the state and county could not keep pace with them. A school was built in September, 1938, to accommodate about 200 children. By Christmas the enrollment was 450. There are about 3,000 people in the area now. Most of the houses are built in the crudest fashion. Families of eight are often housed in a small two-room dwelling. Numerous saloons, dance halls, gambling places and houses of prostitution are vying with each other for the working man's money. The church is certainly needed!

The Home Missions Council, the three Protestant church of Redding, nine miles from Central Valley, and the local community have cooperated. At first there was a one-room church but recently a vestibule and bell tower and a Sabbath School room with a full-sized basement were added. In less than a year the Sabbath School attendance doubled, the attendance now averaging 115 to 150. Camp Fire Girls and Boy Scouts reach between 30 and 40 boys and girls of the community each week, with splendid leaders for each group. A woman worker has charge of the community activities and visits in the homes.

Bulletin Home Missions Council.

Suggested Devotional Service

For Program—Study on "Familiar Pathways"—United Presbyterian Home Missions

By (Mrs. C. W.) ELSIE WEHLING FULTON

Devotional Theme for year beginning April, 1941: "Come" and "Go."

NOVEMBER: GO, OBEYING PROMPTLY:

"Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee."—Mark 5:19.

Call to Worship: Ps. 40:5-11, 16.

Song: Chorus of Bible Songs Hymnal No. 160.

Call to Dedication:

"God of grace and God of glory
Set our feet on lofty places;
Gird our lives that they may be
Armored with all Christ-like graces
In the fight to set men free.
Grant us wisdom,
Grant us courage,
That we fail not man nor Thee."
Amen.

Song: Chorus of B. S. H. No. 91.

Call to Praise: Ps. 18:1-6, 17-19, 30-32, 46-49.

Song: Chorus of B. S. H. No. 75.

Call to Thanksgiving:

"We thank Thee, Lord,
That of Thy tender grace,
In our distress
Thou hast not left us wholly comfortless.
We thank Thee, Lord,
That all Thy wondrous ways,
Through all our days,
Are Wisdom, Right and Ceaseless Tenderness."
Amen.

Song: Chorus of B. S. H. No. 94.

Call to Obedience: When Jesus was in the country of the Gadarenes, He came into contact with a most distressing case of demoniacal possession. The unfortunate man was in the power of evil spirits. He was a social outcast, beyond human power to control or restrain. At the command of Jesus, the evil spirits came out of the man. They entered into a near-by herd of swine. The swine rushed down into the sea and were drowned. The man who had been their former victim was restored to sanity. Deeply grateful for his miraculous deliverance, he wished to go with Jesus as He was leaving the country of the Gadarenes. His plea was denied. Jesus had other plans for his service. "Go home to they friends," said Jesus, "and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee." He promptly obeyed the command and soon was witnessing for Jesus in an extended home community. His witnessing was so challenging that all who heard him marvelled.

Knowing the power of Christ by personal experience, we ought to make Him known. Gratitude for personal blessings and a sense of responsibility for others ought to make us prompt in obeying Christ's command to witness for Him.

Song: Chorus of B. S. H. No. 159.

Call to Service:

"Give us, O God, the strength to build
The city that hath stood
Too long a dream, whose laws are love,
Whose ways are brotherhood,
And where the sun that shineth is
God's grace for human good."
Amen.

Song: Chorus of B. S. H. No. 66.

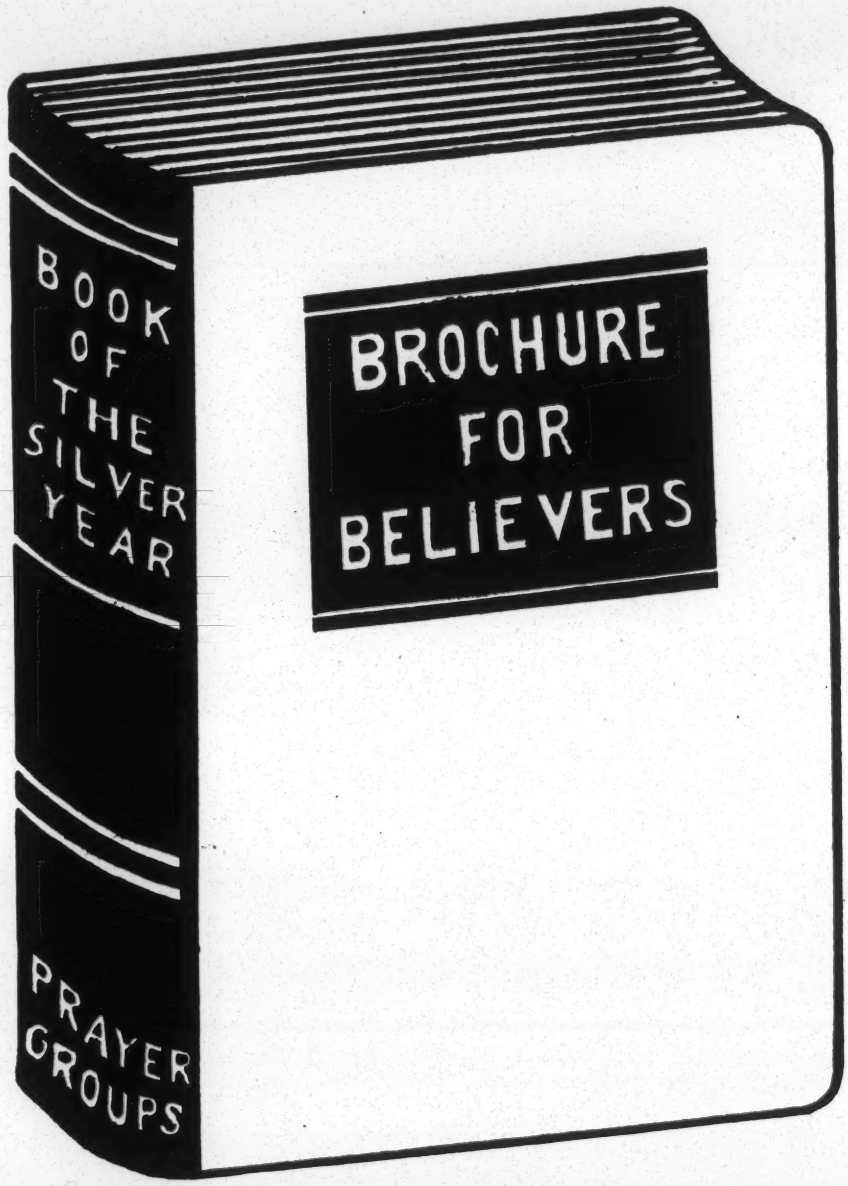
Call to Prayer: (See pages 33, 34, 35, 36 in the Prayer Cycle).

Song: Chorus of B. S. H. No. 125.

Call to Penitence:

"From all vain pomps and shows,
From the pride that overflows,
And the false conceits of men;
Deliver us, Good Lord.
Unto the simple thought,
By the Great Master taught
And that remaineth still,
Not he that repeateth the name
But he that doeth the will,
Recall us, Good Lord."
Amen.

Song: Chorus of B. S. H. No. 133.



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Good News from Far Countries

India

MRS. JOSEPH ALTER, Editor, Zafarwal, India

CHOOSING MY STATION

By MISS MARGARET BALLANTYNE
Kinnaird College, Lahore, India

From my earliest recollection of mission work, that of listening to Father and Dr. Brandon talking over their problems, through many readings of Our India Mission, through years of mission childhood, through many years at home of visits from missionaries, and cognizance of the work through our church papers and the Prayer Cycle, up through these years at Kinnaird, the very center of my life has been the work of our mission. This month word has come from the Women's Board of permanent appointment, and I do feel very grateful that the Lord has given me the great privilege of being one of His witnesses here in the land and in the mission I love devotedly. And I am grateful too, to you all for your cordial welcome into Our India Mission.

This April I spent nine days visiting Sargodha, Badomali, Zafarwal, and Pasrur. It has been a great joy this term visiting the stations that had so long been places beloved only through hearsay. At annual meetings long ago there was always much haggling among the children over the merits of their respective stations. Now I have seen for myself: and have discovered (Alas!) that some of our playmates had had lively imaginations. (Roosters do not grow two to three feet high in Sargodha, for instance, nor is the Deg river ten miles wide, etc., etc.) But if the reported marvels of nature proved to be nothing but children's tales, I was more than compensated and inspired in seeing everywhere the evidence of long years of faithful, devoted service, and of the Lord's rich blessing upon it.

Zafarwal especially seemed like "Holy Ground" crowded with stories recalled of our pioneer missionaries and converts. I saw and heard much that showed me too that the pioneers there have not been the only ones with stout, steadfast hearts! At Badomali on Sabbath afternoon we stood by the bed of a poor old withered dying Christian woman. As Miss Kyle prayed for her and the sorrowing family crouched about her bed, one's heart was lifted up to think that Salvation had come to that home long years before, and that soon the Lord would come for her. And it was even so, for at noon the next day that mortal "put on immortality" and went to dwell in Light unspeakable. At Pasrur the blind children reading St. John with quick fingers, the order and work of the whole school, the homes which gave not too cordial a welcome but grew in interest as the missionaries gave their Gospel messages, the sad woman at the hospital and the silent babies, the endless callers at the Sahib's daftar—all have left a permanent mark in my heart. Easter at Sargodha brought the privilege of worshipping with two shining, clean, joyous village congregations, both set in the midst of large non-Christian communities. Surely those

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Miss Ballantyne, a missionary daughter, who has been the representative of the United Presbyterian Church on the faculty of the Union College for Women in Lahore, India, has now been appointed as a permanent missionary under the Women's Board. The following letter is one written to her colleagues and printed in the *Sialkot Mission News* in which she expresses "the joy of seeing again" some of the scenes of her childhood. We are glad to share this letter with our readers.—Editor.

congregations symbolized resurrection most wonderfully. At all four stations I met old friends of my father who left the Punjab twenty-eight years ago. I treasured their cordiality and recollections.

On this trip someone asked if I were picking out my station! Yes. I have picked out fifteen stations now where I should like to work and next April when I hope to see the remaining part of the mission, likely will add to that number.

UNBURIED TALENTS

By MISS LAURA REYNOLDS
Sangla Hill, India

This winter we have been hard at work teaching our Christian groups the story of the talents among other Bible stories. We have a few one talent people out here but they are not like the man who buried his.

In P—— we have a young girl who got her first intelligent look at a written word just about two years ago. She has had no real teacher but has pestered her younger brother, who is going to school, until she has finished the primer written especially for adults and has read four or five other small booklets. Now she is trying to read the New Testament and has several pupils to whom she is teaching the "Key of Knowledge," the primer for adults. Some of her pronunciations are a bit wild but she is certainly making use of her newly found talent.

We have a little school in S—— where the pupils vary greatly in age and the lessons come at the oddest of hours and often very, very far apart. This school has two one-talent teachers. One went to school for less than a year and then kept on reading at home until she got through the third reader. The other never went to school but learned her letters from her husband after she was married. Both of these women have little children in their homes, and could not be counted as having more than a third grade education, and that much in reading only, yet they work away with the girls and young women of the Christian group in their village. One of their pupils is now in her own home and can read the New Testament quite well. Two or three others will soon be able to read God's word for themselves.

Not long ago we were encamped at B—— and among those who were learning to read from the "Key of Knowledge" was a young lad who was getting along quite well. Miss Murdoch gave him a lesson every day and when he came out to read on Sabbath morning she had him put his primer down and gave him a copy of John's Gospel in large print. Another lad came with him and he picked up the primer. Miss Murdoch said, "But we don't give lessons from the reading book on Sabbath." Her bright pupil spoke up, "You don't need to teach him. I have already given him a lesson and he can sit here and learn it while I read from this Gospel." We smiled and thought that the lad would be in less mischief sitting there "cooking" his lesson than running around the village streets.

Simple folk—all of these, but passing on what litle they have learned. We say "well done" to each of them.

SIALKOT PRESBYTERIAL WELCOMED BY THE BLIND

By MISS HELEN V. WEEDE
Zafarwal, India

Pastor's wives, school teachers, nurses and other delegates from village and city societies gathered at Pasrur for the Annual Presbyterial. The Girl's Boarding School entertained the crowd and the older girls cooked the food themselves. Both teachers and pupils gave everyone a smiling welcome. Six litle blind boys from a special class in the school gave the delegates a unique welcome. Their faces beamed as they sang several songs. The Presbyterial sat spell-bound as their nervous sen-

A Pasrur School girl gives a smiling welcome

sitive fingers read their welcome speeches from pieces of cardboard punched with holes. They are being taught by a blind teacher who is a graduate from the Rajpur School for the Blind. The Boarding School teaches them many things all the time. One of the smaller lads new and strange from his village a few days ago was missed from class. One of the teachers found him calling, "Jesus, Jesus, where are You?" When she gently touched him, he lifted his blind face and said tearfully, "He doesn't answer me and everyone here loves Him so!" Sialkot Presbyterial has for many years sent a portion of their Thank Offering to the Rajpur School for the Blind.

As usual the temperance story contest for illiterate village women was a dramatic success. Adult Education was recognized by the women as the live issue of the Church and funds were set aside for its aid. A large number of women who this year had learned to read took part in reading the Gospel of John. The best reader received a Panjabi Testament and a Psalter. A teacher, a nurse and a Bible woman gave the Bible studies. Miss G. Porter gave an interesting health talk linking the spiritual with the physical.

All the delegates went home challenged to work harder next year to win the Efficiency banner given to the Sialkot Memorial Hospital Missionary Society and to Badamali City Society.

The Sudan

MRS. VIRGIL F. DOUGHERTY, Editor, Nasir, The Sudan

THE NEW PRESBYTERIAL IN THE SUDAN

By MRS. RIED F. SHIELDS
Khartum, The Sudan

In October, 1940 the missionary societies in the Sudan were organized as a Presbyterial. Plans for this had been going on for some time. A committee formed of several representatives of different societies had been appointed and these appointed Miss McIntyre of Wad Medani as president of a committee to call the meeting of the Presbyterial. With her committee she worked very hard to make the first meeting a success. A program was made out and several sub-committees appointed.

The meeting opened on a Friday afternoon with a devotional and praise service which was followed by a Thank Offering pageant given by the girls of the Shields Society of the Khartum church. This was an open meeting for all who could attend. An all day meeting was held the next day attended by delegates from eight of the nine societies.

Most encouraging reports were heard of the work of all these societies. A real missionary spirit was shown in most of these reports. A very interesting report of a Junior Society which has been started by the wife of the pastor in Wad Medani was heard and some of their work was on display. A model busi-

ness meeting was conducted by a group of Bible women.

Each meeting was opened with a devotional program led by one of the ladies of the Khartum Society. There was a special music committee which not only led all the singing but had special numbers for each session.

The whole idea of a Presbyterial was absolutely new to most of the women and much time was given to explaining the different departments and their work. The interest and spirit throughout the whole time was uplifting indeed. On Saturday afternoon the new officers were installed after the duties of each had been explained.

Several months have passed since this organization. Much has been accomplished since then. One new society has been reported—making ten in all. One outcome of this step has been a monthly magazine. Each society is responsible for one number. Of course each copy must be written by hand and even ten copies seem quite a task. Some such magazine is greatly needed for the women of our Church in the Sudan. We hope from this small beginning a real need may be filled.

In THE LAND OF THE "FUZZIE WUZZIES"

By DR. RIED F. SHIELDS, D.D.
Khartum, The Sudan

We are in Erkowit for a short period of rest.

A great deal has happened since we wrote to you last, and much of it has a vital effect on our part of the world. So that we write now with a great deal different feeling from the one we had when we were writing before the end of the year. The war is about over in our part of the world—or at least we think so.

The action being far away from us, our war work finally narrowed down to entertaining soldiers. We have had them in groups for tea and games, being ably assisted by the young women of our Girls School. We have had such nice boys from all over the Empire—one feels sorry to be able to do so little for them though just that touch of home life and feminine conversation is just what they most appreciated. It is something of a drain on the purse, but we are glad to help as much as possible. The British spirit is absolutely wonderful.

We have had some contact with Emperor Hailie Selassie during his

The Dr. Reid E. Shields Family at home. Jim is raising pigeons. Note the bird house he made himself.

long stay in Khartum, and had his two sons—the Crown Prince and the Duke of Harrar—for tea several times. We were with them on the day that Addis Ababa fell and bade them goodbye when they left to fly home after their long exile.

WHERE IS ERKOWIT?

You may be wondering where or what Erkowit is. Well, it is a government rest camp in the Red Sea Hills, about twenty-five miles inland from the Red Sea and twenty-five miles from the nearest station on the Khartum-Port Sudan railway. It is the usual place for us missionaries to come for a holiday on the alternate years when we do not go to Egypt. Here we live in little stone cabins scattered about a hill on whose crest is a central lodge with dining-room, etc. I am writing on the porch of our cabin and look out over a narrow valley to a ridge of hills more-or-less covered with green. Excellence of scenery, you know, as of everything else is comparative. When we talk of the green hills of Erkowit we talk as dwellers from the desert not as Pennsylvanians, for example. For the Sudan, this is a lovely spot. It is only a few miles square, where some trick of geography precipitates the moisture carried in from the sea into heavy mists sufficient to support a considerable plant life. Except for this little bit, the Red Sea Hills in the Sudan are almost barren. There are some beautiful large trees here, but for the most part it is scrubby stuff, the characteristic tree being a candelabra cactus. Just now these are beauful. The scores, sometimes hundreds of branches are tipped with bunches of yellowish flowers or of red berries in such profusion as to make the whole top of the tree a deep rose red. The chief occupation here is hiking and there are some grand views of mountains and the sea. The Governor General has his summer capital here, on another hill. It has been a very popular place since the war as the British people cannot get home for leave—indeed the larger crowd has taken away a lot of the charm which the place used to have.

THE HADENDOWAS

This is the country of the Hadendowa tribe. You who are old enough to have read Kipling will remember them as the "Fuzzy Wuzzies," the only native tribe which ever "broke the British square." The younger generation can identify them as being the fiercest fighters in "Four Feathers." They are a stalwart people. The men are characterized by their way of wearing the hair. It is allowed to grow long into what they call a "tiffa." On the top of the head it grows very bushy while a row of well buttered little curls hangs around the neck and the whole is ornamented with one or two long hairpins. These are made of wood or of horn, are long, slender and curved or may be flat, straight and two-pronged. They are carved or ornamented with silver wire. And they serve a much more utilitarian purpose too, as you may imagine in that mass of unwashed hair! Some of the coiffures are about the size of a half-bushel basket. The men wear a long, straight cloth wrapped around the middle and thrown over the shoulders. They carry swords or spears, and always a peculiarly shaped knife stuck through a belt—a most wicked weapon though the ebony or horn handle is often beautifully carved and decorated with silver. The women's dress is like that of the rest of the North Sudan—a long, straight cloth wound about the body and over the head. Here it is bright red. They wear bracelets and anklets of silver (or iron and brass if they cannot have silver), some beads, large ear-rings and silver nose rings. These latter are about the size of a napkin ring and hang down over the lips. Aside from the disfiguration, one wonders how the poor souls manage to eat. Perhaps their husbands have devised

this way to prevent too much talking. You know even these downtrodden heathen women have a terrible lot to say! Administrators have told us that these tribesmen are not only fine warriors in battle but they are terrible fighters among themselves, and most of their fights are over women. Fatal beauty! One looks and wonders about man's taste.

The Hadendowas are nomads. They have large flocks of sheep and goats, a few cows and some camels. These are pastured on the coastal plains in winter, but in summer's heat they come into the hills where, except in Erkowit, there is very little pasturage. But camels and goats of course thrive on stones and thorny bushes which grow sparsely in the valleys. The people live in rude tents made by stretching mats, made of palm leaves and well buttered against the weather, over a curved central pole. This brings the matting down almost to the ground on three sides, and in front leaves an opening high enough to get into by stooping. This is closed by a camel-hair curtain. The entire household furniture consists of a few mats and rude cooking vessels, goatskin water bags and churns (the hair side in for the latter purpose). The cooking is done on a fire built within a circle of stones outside the tent. Extremely primitive—but at evening when the family is gathered about, the women busy over their little fires, the children playing about the tent, the sheep cropping grass nearby, even the gaunt dog adding his bit to the domesticity, there is a real atmosphere of peace and contentment and home.

These people are nominal Moslems though I believe they practice religious customs which antedate Mohammedanism and their Islam is largely colored by these tribal beliefs. As a matter of fact, no one seems to know much about them except in a very superficial way. Their language has not been written and almost no Europeans know it. Some of the men speak a smattering of Arabic. Of course no missionary work whatever has ever been done among them, and so far as one can see none will be done in the near future. There are so many tribes like that in the Sudan.

We have said nothing about our work in Khartum and Omdurman, which has been particularly interesting both as regards a new meeting for women in our home and visits with our Moslem evangelist to homes and mosques where he never fails to read the Scripture and give a Christian message. As this is already long we will leave that for another time.

A VACATION IN UGANDA*

By MISS RAY HUFFMAN, Nasir, The Sudan,
On furlough Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Enroute to Fort Portal we passed a large, interesting sign which read

EQUATOR

NORTHERN HEMISPHERE SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE

That night at 8 p.m. we arrived at Fort Portal and left Miss Camplin at the hospital for her vacation trip was over. But it had been a lovely week. The flowing lava and the pygmies had been the high spots of the trip but the whole trip had been such a pleasure. I found it hard to picture Uganda as a neighbor of the Sudan. Her people seem much farther advanced than these Nilotic tribes. Gardens and banana patches abound. It was hard to picture want there or famine as our people know it. But I rather suspect they work a bit more throughout the year than our people do and possibly have more rainfall also. Good roads everywhere and more bicycles than I have ever seen anywhere. The bicycle is the family Ford for father rides it, mother sits behind him and holds the baby on her lap.

In the Congo the villages consisted of rows of houses with open places

*This is the third and concluding number of Miss Huffman's story of a vacation in Uganda.

Miss Ray Huffman (left) and her friends ready to leave Masaka. Esiru in the background.

between them. Most of them were located on the hillsides and we heard that the government is quite strict about the location of houses as it is making a real—and quite successful—effort to eradicate dysentery.

While I feel that I have seen Uganda quite well, yet what I have seen of the Congo only makes me want to see more. They have the same diseases we have, and one could learn so much from seeing how they meet the same problems we do.

The next day Mrs. Paul and Esiru took me to Butiaba and my return trip began. The regular boat was repaired so this trip on Lake Albert and the Nile was all the other should have been.

A Dutch couple from the East Indies, an English girl who had been traveling a long time, and several government officials going on leave were my fellow travelers. Mr. and Mrs. Mathais met the boat at their river station and she brought her mother who had just come out to visit her (an American) to meet me. We had breakfast together and an enjoyable visit. At Nimule a Sudan official and his wife who had been fellow passengers on my way up, had decided to take a day off, and came the 60 miles to meet the boat, post some letters, see who was coming and going and fish a bit as well.

A four hour car ride brought us from Nimule to Juba. We were fortunate in seeing three giraffe along the roadside.

While it had been a lovely trip, I was perfectly happy to be back in the Sudan. It seems that our Sundan officials use courtesy plus in their efforts to make one's way smooth.

Five days on the Nile and I arrived at Malakal and went out to Doleib Hill with the McClures.

The boat trip in itself is a restful vacation while at Fort Portal in addition to a restful place to stay, I found the two other things I demand of a vacation—a rug and a road. All along the way I met new people, many of whom had most interesting things to tell of their work and travels. It was all a vacation should be.

"YESTERDAY AFRICA was the continent of history, of mystery, and of tragedy; today it is the continent of opportunity; tomorrow if the Church is true to itself, it will be the continent of triumphant victories for Christ."

Bishop J. C. Hartzell.

Egypt

MRS. EWING M. BAILEY, Editor, Minia, Egypt

WARTIME RECREATIONS AT TANTA GIRLS' BOARDING SCHOOL

By MISS EULALIA D. GRETHER,
Tanta, Egypt

"When can we go on a trip?"

"Where will we go on our first trip?"

"Aren't we ever going on any trips this year?"

Such were the questions we commenced hearing not many weeks after the opening of school. And we are still hearing these and similar ones. The rather impatient reply is always about the same. "Don't you know there's a war?"

"Train service is too uncertain these times."

"Trains are too crowded with troops and civilians for us to go places we don't need to go."

And so we have tried to find ways of breaking the monotony of school life for the students (it never gets monotonous to us) without going very far from home.

One Saturday not long ago there was great excitement all over the place. In fact there had been excitement all week for a donky ride was being planned for Saturday afternoon. As soon as baths were over Saturday morning those intending to go dressed in either their own or borrowed play suits. About thirty went but as there were only twelve donkeys the children rode "two deep" and some teachers and girls rode bicycles. It was a perfect day, as to weather, and when we first set out, about two o'clock, all the boarders were determined not to return before six in the evening. By the time we had made a circular tour of about ten miles, with two or three stops to rest and dress minor wounds from falling off and being pitched off head first, the children made no protest whatever when going back to school was suggested though it was only four o'clock. Everyone had had a grand time in spite of a few mishaps.

On another occasion recently, a bicycle ride was planned for all who could ride well enough to keep up with the best. Twelve signed up but when the time came only seven actually went. Some were prevented because they could not pass the test given at starting time. One who considered herself quite a cyclist fell into a flower bed twice here in our own front yard so it was decided she had better go into the back yard and practice some more before trying to ride on public highways. Still others did not go because it was a cloudy day with occasional showers(not at all common here) and this convinced them there would be no bicycle tour that day. But those who had greater faith and more courage had a rollicking, good time, really a better time than had the sun been bright. Reports were so glowing that every Saturday since many of the children have spent their allowances to rent bicycles to learn to ride well just as soon as possible. Even some of the young children are making notable progress.

Doubtless all of them will some day be glad for this by-product of the "last war."

A COSMOPOLITAN SCHOOL

By MRS. RUTH E. NOLIN,
Alexandria, Egypt

The transfer of the school for missionaries' children from Schutz to Assiut this year made it possible for me to fill a vacancy in the teaching staff of the Central Girls' School in January. It was a part-time position, taking two hours every morning. Three classes were turned over to m

me, English in the first year of the secondary department, General Science in the second year, and Arithmetic in the third and fourth year. So I have had the opportunity of becoming well acquainted with all the girls of the secondary department, girls ranging in age from twelve to nineteen. I find them a very fine group of girls to work with.

Since Alexandria is a cosmopolitan city, the girls in this school come from many different racial and religious groups. This is especially true of the secondary department. The primary department, I understand, is largely Egyptian, but at least half of the secondary girls are from other groups, who have had their elementary education in Greek, Armenian, French or Jewish schools, and have come to the American School particularly for training in English. They get a good training there, too, for all teaching of general subjects, such as history, science and arithmetic, is done in English, and all between-class conversation is supposed to be in English, though sometimes one hears other tongues in the halls. One of the first compositions I assigned my English class was about their parental background, largely because I felt I needed to know their background in order to understand the girls. The information they gave me was as varied as their names. Fulla, Sameera and Monira were easily identified as Egyptian. Sapho, Polyxini and Frosso had the Greek background I had expected. Diamente proved to be French, Ida Italian and Jeanette Russian. The religious differences are more noticeable in the Bible classes, of course, but they are apparent in all classes on the feast days. One day the Muslims are absent, a few days later the Jewish girls are not there, and again, more than half the class is gone because the Greeks are celebrating some holiday.

While a knowledge of background is essential to understand the girls and to help them in their linguistic difficulties, the whole atmosphere of the school tends definitely to amalgamate the various groups instead of emphasizing their differences. Efforts are made, by means of class picnics, Christian Endeavor Societies, Literary clubs, Girl Guide organizations and others, to develop class spirit, school spirit, loyalty to the whole group, and friendly cooperation between groups. The splendid way the girls of the third and fourth years work together testifies to the success of these efforts.

The daily chapel exercises help to foster good feeling in the school, and in taking my turn with the other teachers leading the chapel I have come in contact with the whole group. The biggest contribution I have been able to make is to put a little pep into the singing. The psalms and hymns of the Bible song book are new to girls in this school. But they are quick to appreciate a good tune and words of real value, so that it is a pleasure to work with them. One morning when we were all in the air raid shelter, because of an alarm, and many of the girls were frightened by the noise of the anti-aircraft guns, I helped quiet one group by starting a "song fest." First I taught them the chorus, "Lord, keep me shining for Thee." That has caught the fancy of the whole school and can be heard frequently. I wish you could hear them singing it in chapel. The air-raid "song fest" ended with the enthusiastic singing of popular new war songs the girls had learned from cinema and radio, such as "Wish me luck." We had a bit of real patriotic feeling displayed in the singing by the Greek group of their Greek national song. So you see these girls are wide-awake to present-day conditions, and it is a joy to help direct their attitudes toward present-day living.

A WOMAN'S CLUB THAT IS DIFFERENT

By MRS. ADA DUNLAP,
Fayoum, Egypt

A group of young women and girls in a village in the Fayoum District meet each Friday under the leadership of Miss Roma Hanna, one of the Bible Women in that district. We find these girls, who have so few opportunities, eager for Bible Study as well as to learn various types of handwork and sewing. They do amazingly well in their memorizing of Bible verses, for they have had little if any formal education. However most of them have learned to read.

Last week as Miss Roma was leading the Devotional Service on the subject of the Good Shepherd she called for them to recite the 10th chapter of John, the Parable of the Lost Sheep from Luke, and the 23rd Psalm without any previous warning, and they did it splendidly. So they are remembering what they have learned.

Last winter eleven of the girls memorized the selection of "Five Hundred Verses" as set by the Committee in charge of the Dr. Gibson Trust Fund and each one received a nice Bible as a prize. This picture shows them with their Bibles just after the formal presentation last June. It was really exhausting work to hear them recite all those verses and, at the same time, to make certain that they understood the meaning of those sublime passages. In the middle of one girl's reciting verses she said with such sweet sincerity, "Truly, oh Lady, I like to go to church now, I want to. Before we sat up in our balcony and we couldn't see and we couldn't understand a single thing, but, now, when the Priest says any of these verses we know what he is saying and we understand them and we are glad."

This year they asked for more memorizing, so we have started them to studying the Westminster Shorter Catechism. We are praying that the lessons learned may open up to them new vistas of the meaning of Christian living. The other day when two of the girls quarrelled and would not speak to each other, one of the older girls talked to them earnestly about loving each other and in the end she "made peace" between them and they shamefacdly begged each other's pardon. Is that not teaching translated into doing!

Young Women and Girls members of the Club in El Fayum, holding the Bibles they received as prizes for memorizing 500 Bible Verses.

A TIN WEDDING

Assiut is a sociable place. Here in a considerable degree one sees the leavening of society by Christian influence. It was a Moslem Mudir (Provincial Governor) who remarked once on the friendly atmosphere of the city. The relations between Moslem, Copt and Protestant, Egyptian, British and American, are specially harmonious here, and it is not too much to say that the American Mission has had a large share in bringing this about. One of the friendliest happenings in this friendly city is a gathering of Egyptians and Americans to celebrate some domestic event, and of such was the "tin wedding" I attended lately in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tawfik Shambu. It was probably the first time that such a function had been held in Egypt. The occasion was "family" to both nationalities. Egyptian friends supplied a string and piano trio to lead the hymn singing, young missionaries and members of the Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A helped to organize a program of games, and the small daughter of the house recited a poem specially composed for her at her own and her mother's school, the P.M.I.

With about 60 guests to help on the merriment, everything went with a swing. The fun that can be gotten out of old, simple games like "Ring on a string" and "Do as I do," when they are played together by old and young, Americans and Egyptians, with leaders like Dr. Neal McClanahan and Dr. Scott Thompson to keep the jokes going, must be seen to be believed. Then came tea and the presentation of a cake with ten candles on it by little Suad and Rajaa to their father and mother. After which there was a general move to the largest room in the house for speches. Arabic and Eng-'ish divided the honors. To Miss Ruth Work fell the congenial task of paying tribute to a "daughter of the manse" and a graduate and a teacher of the P.M.I. Mrs. Shambu's father, Rev. Boulos Michael of Hur, was known throughout the Evangelical Church of Egypt for his saintly character and pastoral devotion. In addition to a godly upbringing he bequeathed to his family a notable gift of wit and humor, and his daughter's merry disposition has endeared her to her friends and brought sunshine to her home. The speeches of acknowledgment made by her (in English) and her husband (in Arabic) showed that their married life had been built on the foundation of Christian faith and mutual confidence, and that these would also be its bulwarks in the future.

It was now time for the *piece de resistance* of the program, and a very small bride and bridegroom made their appearance, followed by a tray piled with wedding presents, all of course of tin. The father and mother devoted their attention to their friends' gifts, while the rest of the company gave the larger share of theirs to the charming little couple—he, bridegroom like, subdued and nervous in his black trouser suit (the smallest, surely, ever made in Assiut) and a stiff white collar; she thoroughly enjoying herself in a bridal wreath and veil lent by a recently married aunt.

It semed very natural to mingle the social enjoyments of the occasion with prayer and the singing of "psalms and hymns and spiritual songs," for the thought of the Father from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named was never far away, and in our good wishes we commended this Egyptian home to His favor whose blessing had rested on it during these first ten years.

—A Guest.

Editorial

MRS. JOHN P. WHITE, Editor

MRS. J. B. HILL

Across the country the word was flashed on September fifth, that Mrs. Hill had entered her Father's House. There were misty eyes, as the women of the church read those words; there was a great sense of loneliness that flooded their hearts. She was like a lovely tree that had been uprooted from our yard, not a great giant of the forest, but a beautiful, shapely, graceful tree that had always given us joy to behold, and had lifted our hearts Godward whenever we looked at it. In anticipation of her going we had not known that the vacant place would look so large. The life of Mrs. Hill was so much a part of our organization that we could not think of it apart from her.

In hushed tones women were speaking to each other of her:

"She was a wonderful woman."

"How devoted she was to her task!"

"How perfect she was in her work; the pages of her books looked like steel engravings."

"How fine were her reports to the Annual Conventions."

"Yes, she could make figures talk; she could make every listener see how gold was transmuted into lives."

"We talk a great deal about Mrs. Hill's sacrificial service in the Women's General Missionary Society but we overlook the great work she did for the children of her home congregation through more than 50 years, as a teacher and as the Superintendent of the Junior Department of the Sabbath School. It could be said of her as was said of Miss Eliza Agnew, 'She was the Mother of a thousand daughters'—and sons."

When Mrs. Hill was praised she often quoted, "Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory." That was the secret of her life—no glory for her in handling millions of dollars, no glory in keeping accounts for thirty-eight years painstakingly, artistically, perfectly. This ability to be the keeper of the Treasury was her talent wholly devoted to the Master, that the knowledge of His love might be carried into all the world.

"So long His voice had been her guide, that when
He said 'Come Home,' and opened Heaven's gate,
She took his hand, no valley shadows feared.
Her feet were weary, long had been the way—
Time to go Home.

"That all the world the love of Christ might know,
Her prayer; to sacrifice for that, her joy.
Those years of loving service challenge still
To lift her fallen torch and carry on."

—*Martha S. Clingan.*

WHAT CAN I DO?

If you have read all the splendid articles in this issue of the Magazine on the Home Mission Work of the United Presbyterian Church, you must have been impressed by the magnitude and variety of what we call "Home Missions." You are aware, in some measure, of the forces of evil that militate against the church and her work; you are surprised at the statistics that reveal the great number of unchurched people.

Did you sigh and say, "It is a serious situation; I hope the church will awaken and see that something more is done?" Or did you ask yourself the question, "What is my part in bringing Christ to the people of the United States?" Those seventeen million boys and girls who are having no religious instruction, do not all live in the big wicked cities. There is that family on the Avenue, with whom you are acquainted and whose children visit your children; they are not in church or Sabbath School; there is that family across the street; another across the alley; one across the tracks. These unchurched people are your neighbors.

There are people of another color. You do business with them; they work for you perhaps; they need help and encouragement to lead them into the Christian life.

There are the great numbers of foreign born peoples who, frustrated in the old country, came to find opportunity and riches and freedom, but are often shut off from much that is best in our American life. In large measure they have Catholic background but have no connection with the church. If these people are not brought into the life of the nation they will bring disaster to it. They provide a fertile field for dangerous isms, they become a tool in the hands of organizations, they are easily bought at election time. Long ago God gave directions for treating foreign born people: "And if a stranger sojourn with thee in your land ye shall not do him wrong. The stranger that sojourneth with you shall be unto you as the home-born among you and thou shalt love him as thyself." (Lev. 19:33) When the Church of Christ speaks to these people and says by word and deed: "Ye are no more strangers and sojourners" then we may expect to lead them on the pathway to Christ and they will become "fellow heirs with the saints."

The Home Mission task can be done only when every individual member, who professes to love Christ, feels a personal responsibility and is faithful in worship, in witness and in service.

"I am but one," said Frances E. Willard, "but I am one; I can't do much, but I can do something; what I can do, that I ought to do; and what I ought to do by the grace of God I will do."

What Can I do?

25% INCREASE

That is what we want in October—25% increase in subscriptions. A sister denomination that has just twice the membership in missionary societies that we have, reports that five-eighths of their members are subscribers to their missionary magazine. Yet they are having a campaign to put the magazine in every home.

One-third of our members subscribers to *The Womens Missionary Magazine* is not a good proportion. If a sister church can secure a proportion of five-eighths and still not be satisfied, should we be satisfied with one-third? We shall be satisfied, for the time being, with 25% *increase in October.*

Thank Offering Department

MRS. O. H. MILLIGAN, Thank Offering Secretary, 905 Publication Bldg., Ninth Street, Pittsburgh, Pa.

WE GIVE THANKS

By CLARA AIKEN SPEER

OUR FATHER, we give thanks to Thee
That Thou hast given to us food
And shelter; hast supplied our needs
And brought our hearts to joyous mood.

Yet we do thank Thee more, that if
These temporal things should fail, and we
Be hungry, naked, desolate,
We still could place our trust in Thee;

And know that though the darkness come,
The dawning is not far away,
And Thou whose mercy cannot cease
Will bring to us the light of day.

We thank Thee Thou hast spared the lives
Of those we love, that peaceful rest
Succeeding days of work well done
Have made our lives serene and blest.

But more we thank Thee that we know
That come what may of grief or pain,
Thy power will not, cannot, fail;
Thy love will still our hearts sustain.

We thank Thee that though hills be moved,
And though earth reel beneath the shock
Of tumult, we have naught to fear
Who stand upon the ageless Rock.

The Sunday School Times.

A THANK OFFERING MESSAGE TO ALL MISSIONARY SOCIETIES

The first verse of the thirty-fourth Psalm, "I will bless Jehovah at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth," has a message for us as we enter into the activities of our missionary organization and plan for the coming "Ingathering." If we make the words of the Psalmist our own we are to praise God continually.

We will praise Him in the shadows as well as in the sunshine. In days of hardship as in prosperity. In sickness and suffering as well as in health. In times of weakness as well as in times of confidence of the keeping power of the Heavenly Father.

God never calls upon His children to do an impossible thing but makes it possible to honor Him in the spirit of praise and thanksgiving.

In these days of stress, separation, and anxiety we realize that God's word of promise still stands firm and true. Nations may totter and fall but His word still remains.

We are to bless the Lord at all times, in all places, under all circumstances. When we think it impossible we must remember His promise of long ago "Lo, I am with you always." A very short promise, but we marvel at the greatness of it. "I am with you." Not the promise to a large group but to us each as individuals. He is with us "always," not just an occasional hour, or day, or week, but with us every day of the year, every day of our life. His abiding presence is with us always. As we plan for the Thank Offering season may our thoughts be turned from self to Him and amid all experiences may we unite with the Psalmist in singing "I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth."

It is with this call to praise God with a joyful voice and serve Him with gladness that we enter our Ingathering season. May our hearts be happy in the knowledge that our God is good and that His mercies never end.

We can show our gratitude by enlisting every woman in the congregation for His service. Maybe some of these have not known the great privilege of expressing gratitude to God.

The good gifts are God's—the gratitude should be ours. We will each ask the question "What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me." May our prayer be:

"Grant us, our Father, now to give,
Thanksgiving as we ought,
To serve and like our Savior live,
And do as He has taught;
Assist us all Thy work to share,
To toil for that glad day,
When in earth's nations everywhere
Thy kingdom shall have sway."

HOW INCREASE THIS YEAR'S THANK OFFERING

PRAY for it. Pray daily and in your societies and prayer groups.

WORK for it. Decide on a goal in excess of last year's offering.

ENCOURAGE all members to make daily use of the Thank Offering boxes.

ADVERTISE your thank offering service for several weeks.

SEND personal invitations. Plan to observe the week previous to "Ingathering" as a week of self denial, thanksgiving, and prayer.

PLAN to give the new pageant "BUT RATHER REJOICE."

READ aloud to your society the Story the Thank Offering Blanks Tell. It will enthuse and stimulate every member to greater effort for the 1941 Thank Offering.

KEEP all interested in Life Memberships and Life Directorships. Senior Life Membership $25.00; Junior $10.00; Life Directorships, $500.00. In sending any of these, the name must accompany the money. The treasurer of the society sends names and money to the presbyterial treasurer and she in turn sends to the General Treasurer.

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1. Order Thank Offering envelopes and leaflets in time to send out at least a week before your "Ingathering day." A special letter of invitation will be helpful.
2. Plan to meet the expense of carrying on the Thank Offering work in your congregation from the contingent fund of your society, and never take it from your Thank Offering.
3. Do not retard the work of your Presbyterial Thank Offering Secretary, and mar the anual report of your General Thank Offering Secretary by failure to send in your report complete and on time. To have a place on the Honor Roll all societies must also send the money to the Presby-

terial Treasurer before December 31, 1941.

4. Blanks for reports from Women's, Young Women's, and Junior Societies will be mailed October 15th to your Presbyterial Thank Offering Secretary. If you fail to get blanks promptly, notify your Presbyterial Thank Offering Secretary.

5. Do not use your Thank Offerings:—
   (a) To meet congregational expenses.
   (b) To make up congregational pledges to Church Boards.
   (c) For church benevolences.
   (d) For church or parsonage furnishings or for debt.
   (e) For society pledges or contingent expenses.
   (f) For any object — HOWEVER WORTHY IT MAY BE—outside of the mission work under the care of the Women's Board. Please do not cripple the work your society is organized to support, by diverting your Thank Offering into any channel other than that for which the women of the church are held responsible.

6. The Treasurer of the Women's Board, 906 Publication Bldg., 209 Ninth St., Pittsburgh, Pa., will close the books for the 1941 Thank Offering on January 1, 1942, hence your offering should be in her hands—through your Presbyterial Treasurer—as early as possible before that date.

7. See that every family in your congregation is well supplied with Senior Thank Offering boxes for the next year's offering and with the little pink Junior boxes where there are children.

8. Please send all orders for supplies to Thank Offering Department, 905 Publication Building, 209 Ninth St., Pittsburgh, Pa.

PRAYER OUR BEST PREPARATION

In planning the coming "Ingathering" of Thank Offerings let us all be very much in prayer. Without His blessing all our plans will be in vain.

Pray earnestly in our families, in our societies, in our prayer groups, and as we observe the ten o'clock hour of prayer that every effort put forth by the Thank Offering Secretaries of the societies, or presbyterials, or by the General Secretary be blessed.

Prayer plus good methods, plus consecrated zeal will result in victory. Pray definitely, in faith—

First—For the true spirit of thankfulness.

Second—For the active expression of our gratitude in our Thank Offerings.

Third—That all the women of our denomination will have a part in this Thank Offering.

Fourth—That this year's Thank Offering be the best ever given.

Fifth—For God's richest blessing upon gift and giver.

Oh, Women of the United Presbyterian Church, are you thankful that you know of Jesus and His love and care for you?

Do you realize what the gift of His Son means in your life?

What would your life be if you were one of the millions of women who have not heard of Jesus?

Women who are:
Unwelcome at birth;
Untaught in childhood;
Unloved in wifehood;
Uncherished in widowhood;
Unprotected in old age;
Unlamented when dead.

LET US SHOW OUR GRATITUDE BY OUR GIFTS.

Young Women's Department
including
Girls' Circles

MISS IDA B. LITTLE, Young Women's Secretary
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AIMS—A.—A Circle or a Y. W. Society or both in every congregation.
B.—Support of Work of W.G.M.S. materially and spiritually.
C.—Payment in full of Y.W. Special Fund.
ASKING of Societies—Average of one dollar per member for those 20 years and over.
Average of fifty cents for members under twenty years.
APPROXIMATE REQUIREMENTS—$8,000.
Consider—"You cannot spell success without the alphabet of faithful endeavor."

YOUNG WOMEN'S SPECIAL WORK

Permanent object—Support of G. B. S., Pasrur, India.
Annually decided object—Salaries of Miss Helen McLenahan, Matron of Girls' Dormitory, Frenchburg, Ky.; Mrs. Eva J. Adams, R.N., Superintendent of Jubilee Hospital, Henderson, N. C.; Miss Beth Johnstone, Tacoma, Wash.; Miss Mary Coie, Khartum North, The Sudan.

A PRAYER VERSE

By EDGAR A. GUEST

"Teach me to do the best I can
To help and cheer my fellow-man;
Teach me to lose my selfish need,
And glory in the larger deed,
Which smooths the road and lights the day,
For all who chance to come my way."

May each member of each society enter the work of the fall with real delight. It is good to be alive and to help others to live better, this in view of the restrictions imposed on so many Christians in parts of the world.

NEW SOCIETY

Monongahela Presbyterial is in *first* place this year in announcing a new society. Hebron church has organized a Dora Mason Circle. The president is Velma Sampson, R. D. No. 1, Wilkinsburg, Pa.

OUR NEW YOUNG WOMEN'S SPECIAL WORKER

MISS BETH JOHNSTONE,
Tacoma, Washington

"My childhood days were spent in Utica, Ohio. I had seven sisters. The home of my uncle and aunt was separated from ours by a large pasture in which was a murmuring water brook! In that home were seven sons; together there was one large, Covenanter family! We all were reared on the Shorter Catechism!

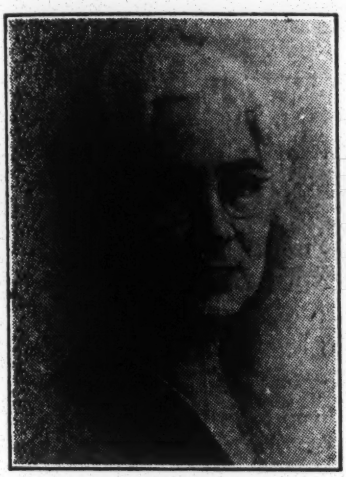
"My last year in the Kindergarten Training College in Columbus, I had charge in the mornings of the City Day Nursery. After breakfast was given to the large number of children always enrolled, regular kindergarten work was conducted. Here I learned definitely that all races and all colors are equal—in God's sight.

"I finished college expecting to teach in the fall. Seeing a great need for help in the Young Women's Department of a large church, I volunteered my services during the summer months. At the end of that experience, I knew I could never be happy except in church work. Ever since the decision was made, my life has been an extremely busy one, but one of great joy! I was a member of the Young Women's Society of the Green Lake Church of Seattle when I definitely decided to use my life in the Master's service. I have never, for a moment, regretted that decision!

"The churches in Seattle were closely associated with the Y.W.C.A. I have always been thankful for my experience as special worker in charge of the Clubs in the industrial centers. Throughout the week, I was either in a laundry—a bag, overall,

tent, or cigar factory, at the noon hour. Following Gospel courses, a Bible class was conducted. My little old organ, which folded up and was carried from place to place, is one of my treasures.

"If one wishes to know the joy of Christian service, eat a thick ham-



Miss Beth Johnstone, Tacoma, Washington

burger, and drink thick black coffee with a hundred workers in a cigar factory, then sit high on top of a bale of tobacco and tell the gospel story while those, who have never heard the simple message, cluster around you!

"In no other field of service is there a greater challenge than in Home Mission work, especially in the great Northwest."

TWO WAYS AT LEAST

There are more ways than one to perform a piece of work, yet sometimes just one method may be pursued to the point that it becomes a rut! You know that this situation may become serious, making only for drab failure.

The "only-one-way" person finds life more or less difficult if success be not attained. This can be said of an organization that is what might be called "hidebound",—not permitting itself to go beyond "the way we have always done it!" Even missionary societies may fall victim to this peril. If the truth were fully known, many disappearing or disbanding societies might charge their failing or lost condition to lack of venture or to "letting-well-enough" or the old way do!

There are more ways than one to tell a story or relay news or present a part on a program. Not all can use the same method equally well. It is well to try one way and if it does not seem too helpful, to try something else, but not to repeat a method that has not seemed to grip the person or the society.

Sometimes the way a thing is done may prove very serious, not that the way has been wrong, but the appeal was not satisfactory to the hearer. A case in point may be illustrated by the following tale:

A ruler in the Far East called in one of his wise men to interpret a dream. This was the interpretation rendered: "*All* your *relatives will die* and *you* will be the *last* member of your family!" The ruler was so displeased with the interpretation that the wise man was beheaded!

Another wise man was called in. He listened to the dream. He gave his interpretation: "*You* will *outlive* your *relatives!*" And he was rewarded with a handsome present! Their answers were practically the same as to results, but the latter had a cheerier tone!

You may have received an invitation to attend a certain function, but the tone of voice was so perfunctory that you wondered if you should accept. A like bid by the same person at another time may have carried warmth with it and you felt eager to accept. You felt as if your presence were really desired. Yes, there are two ways at least to do the same job. May we add there are two or more *acceptable* ways to perform a task.

Notice should be taken when comments are made. If there be criti-

NOTE:—May we add that Miss Johnstone is now in the Tahoma Terrace Mission in Tacoma, Washington. See the report of her year's work on page 755 of the July-August Magazine.

We are happy to welcome Miss Johnstone into our circle of Special missionary workers.—Secretary.

cism in these remarks, consider first the one or ones who have uttered the words. If favorable comment be given, consider also, for pleasure is very easily detected as well as displeasure. If we would hold the audience or have a satisfactory hearing, the way used must satisfy! May we study to find the one most helpful and honoring to others, whether in the home, the community, or the church and its agencies. Let us be thankful that we are not limited to just one way or method of performing our task. Variety is at our disposal.

Thomas Aquinas has left to the world a couplet in the form of a prayer: "Lord, set my life in order, making me to know what I ought to do,

And do it in the way that I should."

CULLINGS FROM OLD MAGAZINES

"Back to Albums!" There was the day when photograph albums on center ables were quite the vogue. The red plush cover had "Album" in a silvery metal sprawling diagonally across the front as the approved decoration. It is a rare thing to see such an album any place these days, unless in a remote cupboard or in the attic. This album had its place. It was a good way to keep the collection of photographs—"when you were a baby and half grown and just off to college!" Besides, there was that college class to keep in mind. Many of these friends found a place in this album. But now the custom that once was popular is *passe.* Some of these books may be in good condition, so still usable. Here is the suggestion:

Why not make a missionary album, filled with pictures of your missionaries. It might be a *Society* book, each member being free to provide a picture. Each one should be properly labeled so that anyone looking through may do so intelligently. It is suggested that there might be an album for each mission field, the name of the country to have a place on the cover or on the fly leaf of front cover. Thus, you might have at hand for instant use the answer to some person's question.

But where find the photographs? You may possess good kodak pictures of some; *The Womens Missionary Magazine* carries some of them now and then. The members of even a small organization should be able to fill its albums.

A similar plan that might be added to the other might be a "Guest" album which would contain pictures of the people is our mission fields, ones appearing in the Magazine or church papers. These labeled properly would be an introduction to the types of people with whom our missionaries labor. *The Junior Missionary Magazine* carries such pictures as well as the "Hand-book" published by the Board of Foreign Missions. Of course such books need not be completed in one year, but be added to when you find occasion. You may think of another angle to this album idea. If so, will you not pass it on?

WHAT SOCIETIES CONSIDER WORTHWHILE

Last month comments from some of our societies were given. Listen to what some others say:

MEMBERSHIP EMPHASIS

We have been emphasizing the need of keeping our membership at peak level. One society had a successful membership campaign. The plan used was not given. Some one from that society may wish to state the plan in detail for publication.

To be faithful as members of a society is another matter in which we are interested — faithful in attendance, and in performing assigned and voluntary duties. One society says it *was* such an organization *last* year. Its number may be legion.

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Girls' Circle Program

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SUBJECT: FAMILIAR PATHWAYS—HOME MISSION WORK OF THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Devotional: Use Suggested Devotional Service by Mrs. Fulton Page 88).

LEADER: The many changes in the world lead us to ask, "Will Christianity Become Out of Date?" Will it be superseded by the substitutes offered? Believing in God's Word as we do, we know Christianity cannot ultimately fail. In the past there have been periods of despondency in the history of Christianity, yet it has remained, has broadened its outreach and held its power, because it has within itself the power to meet new conditions and to supply needed help.

The growth of Christianity must depend upon those who believe in it and who have experienced its strength. God has no other way of extending His kingdom except through His children. The background of Christian teaching must begin at home. Are the young women of the Church helping to spread the truth of Christ? Are they able to give a reason for the hope that is within them? Why is Jesus Christ the Savior and how does He accomplish our salvation? The gap between man and God could only be bridged by a sinless offering. Christ offered Himself for our sin and thus atoned for the sin of all who will accept Him.

We need not think of God as judge in a court-room, but always as a loving Father dealing with His wayward children. The story of the Prodigal Son makes this clear to us; the son's sorrow and confession of sin were necessary; repentance of sin is the only condition of forgiveness. By faith we accept Christ as our Savior and the Holy Spirit strengthens us to break the habits of sin, to understand a loving God, and to grow more like Christ.

Do you know why Mary the Mother of Jesus cannot forgive sin? Look into the Bible and note that while she was the most blessed among women, that she was human. There is no hint in the Bible that she was regarded otherwise. Why do the followers of Mary Baker Eddy feel no need of a Savior. It is because they deny the existence of sin. How necessary it is that we search the Word of God that we may know its truths, that we may follow its teaching and that therein we may find God's plan for our lives.

Tonight we are to learn of the work of our own denomination in its efforts to teach the truths of the Gospel in our own land. Different speakers will now present phases of our Home Missions Work.

Mrs. Cook: I want you to look at this map of the U.S. I have placed here little markers to show where we carry on the work under the Women's General Missionary Society. Note Frenchburg, Ezel, New York City, Providence, R. I.; Pittsburgh, Pa.; Langeloth, Pa.; Hickory, Pa.; Tacoma, Washington; Pullman, Washington; Portland, Oregon; Guthrie, Oklahoma; San Francisco and Los Angeles, California. Let us turn to pages 741-755 in the July number of *The Women's Missionary Magazine* and give some sketches of the work of last year. Let us turn also to the Missionary Album—the June, 1939, number of the Magazine for the pictures of these workers.

Member from Tacoma, Washington: This member reviews the "Living Pictures" in Miss Johnstone's Family Album, page 753 July-August Magazine.

Student from Frenchburg: I want to tell you why I consider the work in the Mountains one of the finest bits of work which is being done in the

U.S. Not only in Frenchburg but in Ezel and in Greeneville, schools and churches are preparing fine boys and girls for service for the Master. (See pp. —.)

News Items: Gleaned from the Annual Report and from articles in this Magazine.

Song: No. 184 B.S.H.

Closing Prayer.

DO YOU KNOW

That the population of the United States is 134 million; that there are more than 70 million not members of any Christian church.

That of the 51 million young people under 25 years of age in this country, 27 million have not received and are not now receiving any religious education of any sort.

That if the Church of Christ in America is to survive, 20 million young people must be added every generation to replace natural losses.

That in the vast areas of the nation's social and economic frontiers there are more than 2½ million boys and girls who have never heard the name of Christ except in oath.

That the national prison population is increasing at the rate of 25,000 per year and that the average age of all criminals is 19 years.

That there are more than six million Negroes in the United States who have not acknowledged Christ as Saviour; that there are a million and a half Negro young people between the ages of 10 and 19 who should be reached and claimed for Christ; that in recent years atheistic communism is making more converts among the Negroes than is Christianity.

That one-third of the entire population of the United States is foreign-born or of foreign parentage.

That a survey of a typical Mountain county in Tennessee revealed a community of over 300 people with 26 professing Christians, no Bible School, no church building and no evangelical church services of any kind.

So far as it is able, the Board of American Missions is endeavoring to meet these needs.

YOUNG WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT

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SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS

We hear of the laxness in some quarters of acquaintance with the Scriptures. Bibles are printed by the thousands and bought in like numbers. Are they read by individuals? The "best seller" has its place as well as the current magazines and daily papers. Are they crowding out familiarity with the Word? One society made a list of Bible verses arranged alphabetically and all the members memorized them. Such verses might be centered about a definite subject such as faith, salvation, prayer or some other topic. In fact there might be a list for each year if thought advisable, the lists being reviewed from time to time. This might be a good method for girls' circles.

Another society says that "each member has a sincere desire to live a better life and to be better missionaries at home."

SOCIAL EMPHASIS

A society held socials for the husbands, and so interested them more in the church—so much so that they have organized a young men's Bible class.

FINANCIAL EMPHASIS

Two societies spoke of their Thank Offering. One reported a great increase in the offering this past year. The other had a very successful meeting and rejoiced to have missionaries to speak to the society—the speakers were two of our young women workers.

Statistical and Efficiency Department

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CONCERNING THE TITHE

The spirit of tithing is a grace which every Christian must cultivate in order to make a well-rounded spiritual growth. To "grow in grace" does not mean a one-sided development, but a growth "unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ." Love, hope, faith are graces whose attainment is not questioned by any well-meaning Christian. And the grace of giving is recognized by all, but systematic giving seems to be a stumbling block to many. The Bible has very definite teaching on the subject and it is not confined to the Old Testament. Abraham, out of gratitude to God for deliverance from an enemy, gave a tenth of his choicest possessions. Jacob, because of answered prayer, promised a tenth of all he should earn. Later in the history of Israel the tithe became a law, commanded by the Lord himself. Some evaded it, misused it, and otherwise brought it into disrepute, but Malachi called them back to duty in the words "Bring ye all the tithes into my storehouse, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing." It was the call of a loving Father trying to win His children back to a recognition which He knew was needed in their life and experience. Israel did not accept the offer and suffered spiritual decline.

Today many people have the idea that the tithe is a man-made law and resent it as infringing on their rights of ownership and choice. In the New Testament Jesus said, "Seek ye first his kingdom and his righteousness and all these things (necessities of life) shall be added unto you." That is the principle on which the tithe is based, giving God first place in our lives and certainly includes our possessions as well as our time and talents. "Stewardship puts God at the center and carefully places things out on the circumference where they cannot corrupt."

In another place Jesus said regarding the law of tithing, "This ought ye to have done and not to have left the other undone" (the showing of justice and mercy).

Systematic, proportionate, and regular giving is very denfiitely specified by the apostle Paul in I Cor. 16:2, "Upon the first day of the week let each one of you lay by him in store as he may prosper." If consistently followed, this method of giving would solve the financial problems of many congregations, missionary organizations and church boards. The indifferent, irregular contributors delay the payment of pledges and hinder the movement of funds needed for continuous Kingdom progress. A well-organized business firm cannot remain secure or hold the confidence of the public if it uses haphazard financial methods. Neither can a Christian organization do less and be a true witness of God's standards.

Aside from the Biblical teachings there are reasons growing out of our own experiences that should prompt us to acknowledge God's legitimate share of our possessions. He has made life rich and beautiful in our relationships, in our Christian privileges and freedoms, and in the beauties of nature." The heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament showeth his handiwork." Yet man, God's highest creation, fails to glorify Him when he refuses to recognize God's claims on his life and property.

Last in our consideration of the tithe are the benefits that are derived from its practice, including those promised with the Biblical command: "If I will not pour you out a blessing," said Jehovah of Hosts, in the plea to "bring all the tithes into my store-

house." It is an opportunity to prove God's love, and at the same time prove our trust in Him.

Sometimes the test comes to the tither when he is tempted to withhold a contribution because he is uncertain of future earnings. God is faithful who has promised that, He will supply our every need. "My God shall supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory."—Phil. 4:19.

The tithe helps to overcome selfishness, a common fault, which would spend all for self, or give God what is left after self had been satisfied. "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Another benefit is gained in developing a spirit of sacrifice which gives up some pleasures, luxuries, or even necessities to share with others.

The value of its discipline must not be overlooked—the setting aside of a definite amount, at a definite time, for definite objects outside our own selfish interests.

Character is thus tested and developed. Since love is the motive which prompts the tithe, it is exacting and demands the best.

The giving of offerings enriches our public worship. "Come into his courts and bring an offering with you." How necessary then that it should be regular and according to God's plan—proportionate, systematic.

An increasing number of tithers is needed in our missionary societies, and to attain this is one of our goals. Inquiries have come from a number of societies, some with a note of discouragement, others reporting progress. Indifference and lack of information are two hindrances to its development.

The question as to how to apply the tithe has been another problem. In the first place there are certain purposes for its use of which there can be no doubt, namely, the regular congregational and missionary offerings in the Church, including the Sabbath School, Young People's and Missionary Societies. Every devoted Christion recognizes these as distinctly Kingdom work and the tithe is undoubtedly applicable to them. Members of our missionary societies are, as a rule, members of our local congregations and will make it a matter of thoughtful and prayerful study just how to divide the Separated Portion among these legitimate causes.

How many other objects of benevolent and worthy character should be included is a matter which no one can dictate. Some feel that the tithe should be used only for strictly Kingdom advancement; others, that general benevolences should be included. To some the tenth is not generosity for it is no sacrifice to part with it. To give until it hurts is a good test, though not the only one. "The tithe does not mark the limit of the Steward's giving, but the beginning of it. Our giving will go as far beyond the tithe as circumstances will permit and love will impel."

MONEY REPRESENTS real cost in toil, sacrifice, saving, energy, effort and character, so that it becomes a bit of coined character and a part of life and talents. Money may go out to save the world for Christ at home and abroad. Through silver and gold God joins Himself to us. It is valueless in itself, but linked to God it may educate the underprivileged, establish libraries or clinics, or go into all the world to help save souls.

From *Stewardship Parables of Jesus, Long.*

Home Missions

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FRENCHBURG, KY.

School opened September first under a new superintendent. The Reverend H. Glenn Stephens, who has been general superintendent for the past nine years, resigned to accept a pastorate, has been succeeded by Prof. Harry L. Cowden, who hails from Guernsey County, Ohio.

Mr. Cowden graduated from Cambridge, Ohio, High School, four years later from Muskingum College and later received his Master's Degree from Columbia University.

He has held teaching positions in Barnesville, O., and Warren, Ohio. At the latter place he was principal of an elementary school, giving him valuable experience for his present position as an administrator. Mrs. Cowden, who will also teach in our school, was born and reared in the hills of West Virginia, thus giving her a splendid background for work among mountain people. She, too, is a graduate of Cambridge High School, Muskingum College and Columbia University, and has taught in McKeesport, Pa., and Columbus, O.

Mr. and Mrs. Cowden are life long United Presbyterians. Mr. Cowden was an elder in the Warren United Presbyterian Church and also treasurer of the congregation. Both were teachers in the Sabbath School and held various offices in connection with the church.

Their two children, Bob and Carol, will be in school this fall. There are other changes in the faculty, Mr. Lester Taylor and Mr. Clarence Manor having resigned.

Mr. Thomas Patton, Jr., of West Middlesex, Pa., a graduate this year of Westminster College, has accepted the position as Coach, and Mr. John McDowell, of West Chester, Iowa, Dean of Boys' Dormitory. Mr. McDowell does not come as a stranger, being a graduate of the Frenchburg school, and later attending Berea College.

Reverend Mr. Stephens is to "stand by" until the new Hospital is completed. Needless to say we deeply regret his decision to leave our work. Our best wishes go with him to his new field of service, and that God will richly bless him is our prayer.

The total enrollment in school is 233. There are fifteen boys and twenty-three girls in the dormitories. More may come in later. The water problem is serious. Teachers and pupils have been notified to use it sparingly. During vacation new floors were put down in the school building and with freshly varnished desks everything was in order for the opening of school. The apartment in the Teachers' Home, was redecorated after Mr. and Mrs. Stephens left for Reynoldsburg, O., and made ready for the Cowden family.

The erection of the Hospital has been delayed from time to time owing to not being able to get the necessary building material, but is now about ready for the roof. There are still rooms to be furnished by Presbyterials, societies or individuals, which will be named as the donor desires. The sum of one hundred dollars will furnish a room. We trust that sufficient requests may be received for rooms, that all may be furnished when the building is completed and dedicated.

EZEL NOTES

Largest Enrollment in Ezel's History

When all were counted at the opening of school on September 1, 1941, Ezel School found that it had an enrollment of 277, which was the largest enrollment in its history. Today we have six more and reports are

that others are coming. We rejoice that so many are taking advantage of their opportunities even though it does make our class rooms pretty well crowded. Our faculty finds its way home of an evening tired but inspired with the challenge that is ours.

New Building Nears Completion

Our teachers and students found a big new building standing between our school and Teachers' Home when they returned after the summer's vacation. There had been just a huge hole and a foundation when they left last Spring. This is our new Gymnasium-Auditorium Building. We have seen the answer to our prayers in this new building. With its completion we shall have not only a much needed auditorium and gymnasium but also two large class rooms to be devoted to Home Economics and Science. We are hurrying their completion so that we shall not be so crowded in our school work. October first should find the new building ready for occupancy.

Friends throughout the church have helped in this venture of faith. Our Community has worked hard; the family of James H. and Elizabeth Woods have made the auditorium a memorial to their parents and other individuals have made sacrifices that our goal might be achieved. One class of girls went without ice cream cones until they had a gift of five dollars for us. We still need about $4,000 to complete the essential parts of this building. It will require more than that to complete the furnishing of the class rooms and laboratories as we some day want to have them.

Faculty Comes From Around the Globe

This year five new members came to our faculty to replace a like number who left Ezel to become housekeepers or to accept other employment. Three of our new teachers are the daughters of foreign missionaries. Miss Ruth C. Mitchell was born in Canton, China, the daughter of Reformed Presbyterian missionaries, attended school in Hong Kong and graduated from Sterling College. Miss Martha Adair and Miss Lucile Ross are also graduates of Sterling College. Miss Adair, although born in Kansas, went to Nasir, Anglo-Egyptian Sudan at an early age with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Adair, and attended the Schutz School. During the past year she has been Assistant Dean of Women in Sterling College. Miss Lucile Ross, the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Ross, was born in Sialkot, Punjab, India, and attended Woodstock School in India. Miss Mitchell is teaching Home Economics and Band and the Misses Adair and Ross are dividing our English, History, Latin and Music.

We are also glad to have with us this year a young couple who are well known in our church because of the active part they have played in our young people's work. Mr. Joseph R. Henderson, of Indiana, Pennsylvana, and his bride, the former Miss Elizabeth Elder, have come to us from the Olivet and Richmond Congregations. Mr. Henderson, who has been principal of the Young Township Consolidated Junior High School, is a graduate of Indiana State Teachers' College and has done graduate work at Penn State and the University of Pittsburgh. He will have charge of our physical education program and instruct in Science and Geography. Mrs. Henderson, who attended Muskingum College and Indiana State Teachers' College, will teach our Third and Fourth Grades. Many of the young people of our church will remember the Hendersons because of their work in the Y.P.C.U. and the Christian Endeavor and as Mission Study teachers at the New Wilmington Missionary Conference.

With these new teachers will be the following who have served for some time:

Supt. and Mrs. William A. Heagen.

Principal, Miss Sara Conrad, formerly of Grove City, Pennsylvania.

Fifth and 6th Grades, Miss Ruth Bemis, West Middletown, Pennsylvania.

First and 2nd Grades, Miss Evelyn Hay, Hartstown, Pennsylvania.

Manual Training and Farm, Mr. Revis Carr, Ezel.

Miss Elizabeth Wilson, of our Egyptian Mission, has returned to help with our school and church work. Miss Wilson came to us last year when present conditions made it impossible for her to return to Egypt.

Our Pastor, Rev. W. B. McFarland, continues to serve both the Ezel and Frenchburg Churches. He preaches at both Ezel and Frenchburg in the Sabbath mornings and divides his evenings with us. He and Mrs. McFarland are kept busy on Sabbaths.

During the Summer months we have continued our rural Sabbath Schools on Sabbath afternoons. Mr. Ellis Ward, superintendent of our Ezel Sabbath School, has had charge of the Tom's Branch School. The Heagens have gone to Bach School at 1:30 and to Dan at 2:30 during the Summer. However, with the return of our faculty, we shall divide this work. We were host to our County Sabbath School Convention on August 9th this year.

Clothing Sales Continue

On Saturday we plan to begin our clothing sales again. From the number of inquiries we have received we look for a big crowd. You may remember that we said the used clothing sales would help us build our new building. They have taken care of all our running expenses and added to our growing building fund. Thus you have helped us meet a double need.

WORLD WIDE COMMUNION

There is something that stirs our hearts as we think of Christians all over the world, the redeemed out of every kindred and tongue and people and nation," sitting down to the Lord's Supper on October fifth. How this will turn our thoughts to that far off time when these who commune together in spirit here will stand before the throne praising God, many of whom have come out of great tribulation. No Christian today wants to be missing in that great throng. No Christian today should miss the blessed privilege of the observance of the Lord's Supper here.

" 'Drink ye all of it'—not just one sup
Drink my faith, my love,' said Jesus.
Drink ye the fulness of my cup.'

" 'Drink ye all of it'—not just my peace
Drink my dangerous living, dying—
Drink my glad release.

" 'Drink ye all of it,' all not just the sweet—
Drink bitter tears of anguish
Drink the dregs of my defeat.

" 'Drink ye all of it,' not just my pain
Drink my joy triumphant—
Drink my triumph, drink my reign."

E. Dent Lackey.

Negro Missions

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ITEMS FROM THE SOUTHLAND

Jubilee Hospital, Henderson, N. C.

A little girl of thirteen was accidentally shot as she entered the theater. The X-ray showed a fracture in her leg above the knee. The doctors hope that she may fully recover.

A man of sixty with a fractured arm was brought in for care. After his arm was set and he was told that he might return home, he looked at the doctor with tears in his eyes and said, "Doctor, please let me stay a little longer. I have sixteen children at home and I cannot rest there."

A mother of nine children, a teacher as well as a homekeeper and a worker on the farm, came to the hospital, saying that she wanted to rest for a week. On examination, it was discovered that she had a spot on one lung. Prayer is asked for her recovery.

The superintendent desires to thank missionary societies for what they have done or are doing for the hospital.

PRAIRIE

Daily Vacation Bible School had a successful series of meetings. As to community interest, the times are rather encouraging. The Federal Security Administration has provided pressure cookers for its clients in the community and has urged the people to do as much canning as possible, and they are doing a very good job of it. Because of much rain, cotton will not be as good as expected, but crops on the whole will be above the average.

CAMDEN

The boys' dormitory was destroyed by fire several months ago. The Wilson house on the campus has had several rooms added to it and has been made into a sizable and satisfactory dormitory. Its completion has just recently been announced.

MILLER'S FERRY

The N.Y.A. has done considerable work on the campus in the way of buildings in the past two or three years. At the present time, a boys' dormitory is under construction, the former dormitory having been razed to help furnish construction material.

PATHWAYS TO CHRIST AMONG NEW AMERICANS

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delphia, they were attracted by singing in their own language. They entered the humble chapel where, to their surprise, they found a group of their own people worshipping God in a manner new to them. These two young people were so deeply impressed that they were led to accept Christ as their Savior. Returning to their own land they devoted their time and money to establishing schools and churches among their own people.

Two young men who found Christ in a mission church in Vermont, returned home and became the means of bringing the gospel to a whole village, where a school and a church were established.

The work of our own church in this special field is small. The need in this vast country of ours is tremendous, the opportunities manifold.

Indian Missions

OCTOBER 1941 FALLING LEAF OR TRAVEL MOON 1941 GREAT SUNS

THE NEW FIELD

At the Home Missions Council meeting last December in Atlantic City a report was given of a survey of the Eastern Oklahoma area telling of the needs of the Indians of that part of the state. Nearly one-third of all the Indians in the United States from twenty to thirty different tribes live in Oklahoma and the largest number are in the eastern section, probably 70,000.

Realizing the opportunity for service, your Indian Secretary had a conference with Dr. G. E. E. Lindquist, field-representative-at-large of the Council, and the possibility of taking over the support of a worker now on the field was considered. The matter was presented to the Board and with their approval correspondence began concerning steps necessary. The Committee on Women's Work of the General Assembly presented the request to Assembly for their approval of this new field of missionary service and sanction was granted.

Rev. George W. Smith, who has been under the supervision of the Home Missions Council for over two years now, has been working in an area in the hill country where Adair, Cherokee, and Sequoyah Counties meet. Great interest has been manifest in the religious services—preaching, Bible School, and praise services. He has given weekly religious instruction in the schools of the communities, visiting 12 to 16 day schools in a month and reaching about 1,800 school children. In each of four districts he spent a Saturday night and Sabbath day each month holding services. Special attention was given to committing Bible verses and portions of Scripture.

THE NEW MISSIONARY

I was born and reared by Christian parents in Burnett Co., Burnett, Texas, Feb. 8, 1892, and was christened in infancy and dedicated to the Lord. At the age of 10 years I was converted under the old-time preaching of the Gospel, having a real experience of grace which I have never doubted. I joined the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in our home community with my mother and three sisters at the age of eleven, endeavoring to live a devoted Christian life. I received a call of the Lord to His ministry and with the heart-cry of the prophet of old "Woe is me if

Our New Missionaries to the Indians: Mr. and Mrs. George W. Smith.

I preach not the Gospel," I bowed in submission to His Will.

I spent years in the great school of experience at the feet of Him who said: "If any man lack wisdom let Him ask of God." In the summer of 1919 I came under the care of Austin Presbytery. In 1922 I was duly ordained into the full work of the ministry of the C. P. Church and have been faithfully telling the story of Jesus and His love since.

Most of my life as a missionary has been spent serving small towns and rural communities, near my home and then in West Texas. Then the Lord called me to Eastern Oklahoma to serve among the five tribes, and for twenty-three months I have served under the Home Missions Council of North America.

My family consists of my wife and five girls, two of whom are married and three at home. Nettie B. in college, and Nellie Jo and Jimsy Lou in grade school.

Geo. W. Smith.

THE NEW RESPONSIBILITY

We are laborers together with Him. The opportunity is ours to go into this field of service, and after prayer and careful consideration we go forward trusting Him to guide us. We are counting on the friends of the Indians, their prayers and continued interest to make the Saviour of men and His Word known to these needy people in the Hungry Mountain area. The words of Isaiah have come joyously again, as a faithful steward has sent a love offering for Indian work designated for Bibles and Testaments —"Before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear."

FOR AMERICAN INDIAN MISSIONS

The following things will be most gratefully received in our Indian Missions. Addresses may be found on the back cover of *The Womens Missionary Magazine.*

I. Quilt Materials—Prints or woolen pieces, these may be cut in blocks or left uncut if you wish. Silk pieces are not very popular for quilts, but such pieces could be used for lining of gloves, bags, etc.

II. Baby Garments—Shirts, stockings, plain little dresses (crepe prints are very practical), sweaters or sacques, blankets, and diapers.

A sample layette is: 3 shirts, 2 gowns, 2 dresses, 1 sweater or 2 sacques (if flannelette), 1 pair stockings, 2 blankets, 12 diapers.

III. Christmas Gifts, including toys, dolls, games, books, soap, wash cloths, towels, and aprons (for young girls 10 to 12 years). Also pencils, cheap writing paper, thread, beads of all kinds.

IV. Used clothing—If such clothing is clean and in fair condition it is gratefully received. Suitable clothing for old men and women is much needed. Sweaters, washed blankets are appreciated.

V. Pictures on Sabbath School cards, religious calendars, and charts, anything with bright colored religious pictures. Little inexpensive copies of famous pictures, art works, etc.

A COMMUNITY GARDEN

A lease has been signed by the President of the Women's Board, Mrs. J. D. Sands, for a 10-acre tract of Mission property in the Simnasho district of the Warm Springs Reservation for use as a community garden. No cash is involved in this agreement, but the Government will make the following improvements on the land: (1) fence 80 rods with 5 wires, (2) posts spaced one rod, and (3) set out 15 assorted fruit trees. We are glad to cooperate in this community project.

Foreign Missions

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MISSIONARIES' BIRTHDAYS
NOVEMBER

Miss Marie E. Cash	November	3
Miss Jeannette L. McCrory	November	6
Miss Carol E. McMillan	November	15
Miss Ethel L. Weed	November	17
Miss Betsy Fleming	November	26
Miss Margaret A. Bell	November	27
Miss Leota Cabeen	November	30
Miss Aulora R. McIntyre	November	30

We are sad because our friend and beloved co-worker, Mrs. J. B. Hill—so long treasurer of the Women's General Missionary Society, has left us. We shall miss her cheery laugh and pleasant greeting as she sat in her office chair, but we are glad that she has no more suffering and pain to endure. She has gone to her reward and is now with her Lord, whom she so faithfully served. All that was mortal was laid to rest in the midst of some of her own people in the beautiful Homewood Cemetery.

An interesting booklet has been received entitled, "A Century of Missionary Effort." This is a history of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the First United Presbyterian Church, North Side, Pittsburgh.

On January 23, 1838, this society was organized in what was then known as the First Associated Reformed Church of Allegheny Pennsylvania, and has continued its splendid service until the present time. A Constitution and By-Laws were drafted and the society took as its aim "the dissemination as far as possible among the female portion of the congregation of a correct knowledge and a proper spirit on the great subject of Foreign Missions; and by personal exertions and manual labor, to raise funds to aid in this glorious cause."

Ten members were at the first meeting and twenty names of the first members are recorded. Many other names well known to our Church during the years appear on the roster. Mrs. Margaret Spratt, the first president, was a faithful member for thirty-seven years. Miss Mary Herron served as Recording Secretary for fifty-five years. Dr. J. T. Pressly preached the first anniversary sermon from the text: "Help those women," and each year thereafter an anniversary sermon was preached by the pastor of the Church.

An interesting fact recorded is that a fee of 12½c (a "fip and a bit") was required for absence without excuse and a fine of One Dollar when one resigned from the society. Several instances are recorded when members did so without just cause and a committee visited them and they returned.

For six years these devoted women waited, labored and prayed before a way was opened for the use of their contributions. Their "Manual Labor" consisted in making caps, shirtfronts, collars, mitts, quilts, etc., which were purchased by interested friends and the money placed in the bank. By 1844 the deposit amounted to $373.84. Their funds were devoted exclusively to Foreign Missions, first through our Board of Foreign Missions, and since 1883 through the Women's General Missionary Society. It was especially noted that during the Civil War many of the members increased their offerings.

In 1879 the Allegheny Presbyterial was first spoken of in the minutes. In 1896 the Society promised to pay $100 yearly to the salary of Allegheny Presbyterial's foreign missionary, Miss Minnehaha Finney. In 1888 the Fiftieth Anniversary was celebrated in a special way, showing a membership of 224 during the years. In 1895 Mrs. Mary Clokey Porter was elected Thank Offering Secretary of that congregation, which office she held until her death in 1920.

This Society has always been gen-

erous in giving to the work of the Women's General Missionary Society and many large amounts have been given through legacies of its members. The total amount of money given for one hundred years was $62,770. The Society is still active and going strong. May the second hundred years show as great results as have the past in carrying the message of Christ's salvation to those who know not of Him; and may the Lord continue His blessing upon this Society.

It is not possible at present to send out to our fields abroad any of our new or furloughed missionaries but a number of them are continuing in their work in the home mission fields. A few are taking up studies that will fit them for better service in the future. Others are to go on Deputational Work this autumn and are ready and willing to answer the call of societies or congregations for talks on their work and the work of the Missions or to give Thank Offering addresses. We hope that many organizations may have the opportunity to hear our earnest, devoted workers tell their story. We hope, too, that societies may not forget to meet the expenses of travel and entertainment, as well as an honorarium of $5.00 from their contingent fund. Our missionaries are happy to serve but in doing so often make a wearisome trip and undergo heavy strain.

EGYPT

The fact that our mail has been greatly delayed during the past year has been brought to mind afresh by the receipt late in July of the Egypt News Letter written in October, 1940. It contains many interesting items from all departments of our work and tells something of the plans for the work of the coming year and the prospects for larger numbers in the schools. The Mission was fully aware that the missionaries on furlough could not return that year, yet there was an encouraging note throughout the letter. We quote from Dr. Moore of Tanta Hospital: "We are thankful the summer has gone with its work and heat. We praise God that He gave strength sufficient for the task. He has supplied all our needs. The expenses have been exorbitant but the income has been very good. Tanta is supposed to be of little attraction as a target for Italian bombers. Thus we have had patients from Alexandria and Cairo and many surrounding towns. Among these varied patients were the good-paying English from Mehalla. Many new babies have been cared for. One child was two months old when her 13-year-old mother and 50-year-old father brought her to the hospital in August. She is doing nicely and the nurses have all had a hand in spoling her."

We hope the outlook for work in the coming year is as good as it was in 1940 and we look forward to getting another News Letter before this time next year. In the meantime we have had messages from Egypt by cable and letter that have reassured us as to the safety of our missionaries and the efficiency of their service. We pray that before many months at most our misisonaries now at home on furlough may be back in Egypt and that our work can be carried on once more in a normal way.

A number of letters received recently have contained expressions of appreciation for the restoration of salaries to the former level.

Miss Mary Dawson wrote of her plans to return to America. She had undergone an operation and it was felt that she should come home on account of her health. Later a cable advised us that she and Roxy Martin, in company with a large party of Foreign Board missionaries, had left Egypt enroute to America by the Pacific but they would be delayed in Sydney, Australia, for a month waiting for an American boat to bring them to the United States.

The missionaries in general are reported to be in good health and they had fairly comfortable vacations somewhere in middle Egypt. Miss Ruth Work reported that she was making good progress in her restoration to health. "It was a great joy to be able to enter into some of the activities at the close of the term—June 11. Commencement at the Pressly Memorial Institute was quite a success. The program was a good one and a pretty one in the parts taken by our girls. The audience of 3,000 men, women and a few children was most attentive. The address by Reverend Ibrahim Said was excellent and the great audience hung on his words for forty-five minutes. Reverend Ibrahim is one of our most spiritual and able pastors. We praise God for such as he." . . .

"We were with you and all the women of our Church in the 'Around the World' prayer hour yesterday (June 10). Ruth Walker led the meeting and many earnest prayers were offered. It was most suitable that Ruth should be our leader on this occasion since she lived in Washington and was an active member of the Wallace Memorial Church for over two years. We are most grateful for her presence here and her help at the P. M. I., while at the same time we pray with her that she may be restored to her beloved Ethiopia."

The Executive Committee of the Mission carries heavy responsibility. As a result of their deliberations at the meeting in Cairo they strongly advised missionaries not in good health to return to America at the first opportunity. Miss Work is hoping that she may not have to return for several years yet but is willing to do so if it seems necessary. She feels that the Lord will give the needed grace and strength and she says: "It is a strength to us to know how fully we are being supported by the prayers of our own families and our church at home."

THE SUDAN

Although mails have been irregular to and from The Sudan, two air mail letters just received came in a little over five weeks and with them on the same day came a letter from Doleib Hill that had been on the way since May 7. These letters give us an idea of what has been going on in the Mission during the summer and something of the condition of the work. Doctor Dougherty has been in Sayo, Ethiopia, looking after the property and conditions in general in Ethiopia. He was expected to return soon. While he was absent Miss Soule had heavy responsibilities. Miss Ellen Smith visited her for a short time.

From Doleib Hill Miss Elsie Grove reports the erection of a new building which was dedicated as a church and community house. At this service 56 of the villagers in Palo were baptized, 17 of whom were children. The remainder, 26 women and girls and 13 men, were brought in and taught by Adwok, a native Christian upon whom the responsibility for soul winning had been placed. Others asked to be baptized but were held back by Adwok for further teaching. "Other churches are being built in villages where we hope to put on the same general welfare and uplift program for all the people. Many things have happened which make us think there is the beginning of a revival among us. More than 150 have been baptized recently."

For various reasons, such as a quarantine because of an epidemic of cerebro spinal meningitis, Miss Grove was not able to have her sewing classes for almost three months. She still has quite a supply of quilt patches and for this she is glad because it is now so difficult to get them from America. Over one hundred women and girls have completed quilts. No one can estimate what that has meant in growth and development from the teaching and influence of continued contacts through weeks and months

of work, as well as the friendships made.

Miss Mary Ewing, who has been in Cairo taking treatment for her eyes for some months, expected to return to her work in Doleib Hill late in August as the condition of her eyes is much improved. Everyone has returned from vacation. Miss McIntyre and Miss Turk are looking very well and fit for taking up their work after visiting some other missions in the South Sudan.

In the North Sudan everyone was busy getting ready for the reopening of the schools or taking up work among women at the beginning of August. Miss Marguerite McClellan was left in charge at Khartum North while the school was closed but she had with her a few of the children who had no homes. She tells of a sand storm one night that left her the color of two little Ethiopian girls who were sleeping on the roof with her. This is one of many dust storms that have caused Miss McClellan and her girls to move quickly from the roof into a sheltered place with their beds and clothing.

Miss McClellan spent the month of May in Erkoweit. When she came back to the school in June she was busy helping the girls make their uniforms. It is rather startling to read that they made three hundred fifty. This gives the older girls an opportunity to learn cutting and sewing and they are paid a certain price which they apply toward the expense of purchasing their uniforms for next year. Miss McClellan took special interest in teaching five Ethiopian girls and she reports that one was unusually quick in learning. Thus she had an opportunity of talking with the girls in a closer way than she could in a class room.

The Girls' Boarding School in Khartum North is to have the care of a third school out of the city. This community school is at Shendi and some of our girls are teaching in it. The native girls who taught in the other two adjacent schools last year are eager to take up the work again and their mothers are willing to let them go.

There is some talk of the Ethiopian girls returning to their own country very soon. Miss McClellan hopes they can remain so they can be trained and really prepared for leadership in their home communities. The Government has supported the girls during the past year and it has been a great help in carrying on the work of the school.

Thus our work goes on with much to encourage, but the missionaries need our prayers as there is also much to discourage them.

INDIA

Last month we reported the Government's approval of work done in our Good Samaritan Hospital at Jhelum. This month we have a similar statement concerning the work in our large Memorial Hospital in Sialkot. After visiting every department and noting improvements, the Inspector gave a long report which closed with the following words: "The supporters of your hospital may well be proud of it. It is in very truth an asset of great value to the district and great credit is due Dr. Hunsberger and Miss Kate Hill for their very efficient management of the Hospital."

(*Sd.*) *E. Hamilton Browne,*
Assistant Inspector General of
Civil Hospitals, Punjab.

The latest report from Miss Flora Jameson who was in Sialkot Hospital for many weeks was that she had been in a very serious condition suffering from Black Water Fever and it was necessary to give her five blood transfusions. Some of these were given by our missionaries whose blood was the right type. She rallied quite quickly and after a few weeks was able to be taken to the Hills by Dr. Hunsberger, who looked after her. In a short time Miss Jameson showed great improvement and it is

expected that she will be able to undertake her work in Sangla Hill school in a measure. However, Miss Lois Boyd has been appointed by the Mission to help Miss Jameson in her work until full strength returns. Dr. Hunsberger says that Miss Jameson's recovery is one of God's miracles as she was not expected to live. We in America are thankful that she has been spared. She is one of our most efficient and devoted missionaries.

We are happy to say word has come that Miss Lois Boyd and Miss Evelyn McKelvey, R.N., who left San Francisco on July 8, arrived in India on August 23.

Our two Ethiopian missionaries, Miss Ruth Nichol and Miss Marjorie Faught, R.N., who started for India last January to take up work, have written very interesting accounts of the beginning of their life in India. The climate there was not so kind to them as that of Ethiopia had been as they were sick almost from the time of their arrival in India. They had malaria, amebic trouble and measles in succession. Both were in Sialkot Hospital for a time but they say they think they have finally gotten rid of all their germs.

They have been very happy in their location in the Sialkot Girls' Boarding School with Miss Ardrey and Miss Black. They have each given three hours daily to language study with their Indian teacher and have then studied three or four hours besides. They have had several interesting trips to the villages, where they studied the evangelistic work.

In April they went to Landour in the hills. Miss Faught wrote: "The trip up from Saharanpur in the bus is both beautiful and thrilling. In fifteen miles we climbed from 3,000 to about 7,000 feet. The road twisted and curved and we climbed higher and higher and could see the road below and above us. The last part of the trip has to be taken on horseback or in ricksha or in dandy or by foot. We chose the dandies because they brought us right to the door of the boarding house. We had been warned not to walk up hill when we first came."

There, too, they have a regular routine of study. They have had private lessons with tutors and the schedule is heavy five days a week; but they are glad to have this opportunity to study the Urdu as in Ethiopia they were never able to have a regular course in language with good teachers. These young ladies were thankful, too, to escape the heat of the plains, which was up to 115 degrees in some of our stations. There were heavy rains in the mountains so it made the days cool and comfortable.

Arrangements have not been completed at present for the sailing of our missionaries who have been home on furlough but we are hoping and praying that the way may be open for them to go back before many months.

ORPHANED MISSIONS

We are all familiar with the term now. These missions are not real orphans; their parents are living and trying to lay up money for their future support but they cannot by reason of circumstances send the money to these missions. The response of the Christian Church is heartening. There is a manifestation of the "love of the brethren" that rises above all national and racial divisions. The report shows that one million six hundred thousand dollars has been sent from the U. S. (sacrificial gifts of those who love their Lord and His Church).

If these missions are to be sustained the gifts must continue, that these little centers of light over the world may not be "blacked out."

Editor.

Junior Department

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THE THANK OFFERING BOX—A SHORT PLAY FOR BOYS

Arrange stage with a screen on either side and put across the front a placard—THE THANK OFFERING BOX. Each person in the play has hung around his neck a cardboard disc on which is written—ONE CENT.

FIRST CENT (lying in box sound asleep; wakens up, stretches himself and says): Oh dear! I've been lying here such a long time and everyone seems to have forgotten me. I was dropped in here one day, and, though I have waited and waited, no one has come to keep me company! I would like someone to talk to! I'm so lonely!

ENTER SECOND CENT, (rolling in from back of stage).

FIRST CENT: Hello, who are you? I'm glad to see you! Who sent you here?

SECOND CENT: A little girl who lives in our street. Last night she met a missionary and heard about his work in Egypt. When she got home she took me out of her money box and said: "You are going to Egypt, too! Away you go, and see if you can help." So here I am!

FIRST CENT: Well, there are two of us now. Let us sit close together and talk.

ENTER THIRD CENT, (Tumbling in head over heels): Hello, here I am!

FIRST AND SECOND CENTS (together): So we see! But who are you?

THIRD CENT: I am the copper that started to go to the candy shop.

SECOND CENT: Why didn't you go?

THIRD CENT: Because the boy who had me in his pocket suddenly remembered something.

FIRST CENT: What did he remember?

THIRD CENT: He remembered that the missionaries needed me. You see, he knows some missionaries—Dr. Thompson in Egypt, Dr. Bergsma in India, Dr. Shields in the Sudan, and lots more. Do you know any missionaries?

FIRST CENT: I hear people talking a lot about Miss Kate Hill and Dr. Reba Hunsberger in India and Miss Williamson in Egypt.

SECOND CENT: I have heard of some too—Miss Turk in the Sudan, Dr. Hutchison in Egypt, and—oh! what a row! Who is coming now?

(Enter rest of cents—any number, rolling or tumbling in.)

SECOND CENT: What a crowd! Where did you come from?

ALL: We've come from the Junior Missionary Society.

FIRST CENT: What is *it?*

ALL: What! Never heard of the Junior Missionary Society. You *are* behind the times.

FOURTH CENT: The Junior Missionary Society is the children's missionary society. The Juniors help the missionaries in every way that they can. That is why they sent us here.

FIRST CENT: Now, this is something like a crowd. A little while ago I was alone; now there are 1, 2, 3, 4, . . . of us.

ALL: And we're all going to help.

Adapted.

HONOR ROLLS

The following societies are on the Honor Roll for having a grade of 100% in Junior Standards.

1. Zenith, Kansas.
2. 1st Butler, Pa.
3. 1st Washington, Pa.
4. 2nd Washington, Pa.
5. Oak Park, Chicago, Ill.
6. Evanston, Ill.
7. Brooklyn, Parma, Ohio.
8. East Palestine, Ohio.
9. Greenville, Pa.
10. Pasadena, Calif.
11. Beverley Heights, Pgh., Pa.
12. Mt. Washington, Pittsburgh, Pa.
13. 2nd Spokane, Wash.

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Temperance and Reform Department

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"A FALSE ROAD TO PROSPERITY"—GAMBLING

"Gambling is the transfer of something of value from one person to another on the basis of luck or chance without a just equivalent."

Gambling violates the Law of God whose universe is governed, not by chance but by immutable law; the Law of Love, for it is essentially selfish; and the Law of Labor, for "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread."

"Gambling is contrary to the Christian ideal of stewardship, of sharing and brotherhood. Since gambling is irrational, non-productive, motivated in greed, a device for extracting money from the unwary and placing it in the possession of the vicious, it cannot contribute anything to the organization of a sound society."—*Deets Pickett.*

As a result of gambling, rackets develop to exploit it, business suffers, crime is incited, and money is taken from the very class which gambling schemes profess to wish to help. Charitable institutions using methods of chance to raise funds kill the spirit of true and generous giving.

There are almost forty forms of commercialized gambling: punch boards; slot machines; horse racing; dog racing; games of chance, such as roulette, lotteries, bank night, bingo and "chances."

Seventy-three factories manufacture gambling devices; one huge factory is devoted exclusively to the manufacturing of slot-machines or "one-armed bandits."

The gambling bill of the United States is estimated at not less than four million dollars and is probably as high as six or seven million. It is likely that *one* dollar in every *ten* of the national income goes for gambling.

No lottery operates in the United States legally. The most prevalent and most vicious now operating is "policy" or "the numbers" game. This is organized locally and is controlled by racketeers offering "fools' gold" to the poor. The "higher-ups" in New York city alone are said to realize three to five billion dollars annually from the operation of this racket.

Tickets are sold illegally in this country for the Irish Sweepstakes conducted by Hospitals Trust, Ltd., a considerable industry of the Irish Free State. In eight years, this lottery has taken two and a half to three billion dollars from the people of the United States and Great Britain. The statement has been made that *less than one-sixth* of the total collected in "the Sweeps" eventually reaches the hospitals of Eire.

Christian women should realize their responsibility in "taking a stand, not a chance," not entering into or encouraging any form of gambling, even though it may be instituted as a means of raising money for a good cause. We can always contribute to any worthy project offered us and the organization will benefit more generously, I expect, from our giving than from our participation in this fundamentally wrong way of raising money.

Literature Department

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ANENT THE READING COURSE

When you read on the Literature Department page of the September Magazine, *"Who Holds the Key?,"* you must have asked yourself, "Key to what?". For some reason all that we had to say on the subject failed to get into print.

As you know, we have had on our Reading Course a pamphlet, *Strength for Giants* which sold for 25c. Last month we had word from the Missionary Education Movement that they can no longer supply us with this pamphlet and suggested that we substitute *Who Holds the Key?* This we have decided to do and offer the pamphlet at 15c. The reading of it and *The Church in Action* is credited as the reading of one book.

Lamps in the Wind, also on the Reading Course, is published in England. The Missionary Education Movement has informed us that their supply is exhausted. Their order for more copies has been mailed to England but in the uncertainty of shipping they cannot state positively if or when the shipment will arrive. However, to date their orders have come through slowly but safely and they hope to receive this one in September. You will understand, then, why *Lamps in the Wind* may not be included in our filling of your order. We shall file orders for this book and hold money when prepaid until we receive definite word from the M.E. M. You may prefer to choose another book from that division of the Course.

FOR NOVEMBER PROGRAMS:

For information on the beginnings of the pathways in United Presbyterian Home Missions we refer you to the following books: *The United Presbyterian Church and Its Work in America,* Cloth $1.00; paper 60c. Order this from U. P. Book Store, 209 Ninth St., Pittsburgh. *March On,* paper 20c. Order from The Board of Administration, 706 Publication Bldg., Pittsburgh.

From the Literature Department we suggest the following:

History of The Women's General Missionary Society—pamphlet, 20c.

Leaflets:

Our Alien Neighbors, 3c.

Ezel—A Glimpse at Beginnings, 3c.

Twenty-five Years at Frenchburg, 5c.

I'm the Janitor, a true story, 2c.

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT

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The following societies had a grade of 95%.

1. Emsworth, Pa.
2. Bethel, Slippery Rock, Pa.
3. Claysville, Pa.
4. Robinson, Pa.
5. Somonauk, Ill.
6. Johnstown, Pa.
7. Southfield, Birmingham, Mich.
8. 1st St. Louis, Mo.
9. Gibson Heights, St. Louis, Mo.
10. Le Claire, Iowa.
11. Leechburg, Pa.
12. 1st Monmouth, Ill.
13. River Road, Washington, D. C.
14. Greensburg, Pa.
15. Lisbon, Wis.
16. Caledonia, Wis.
17. Central Falls, R. I.
18. Whitinsville, Mass.

A comparison of the 1940 reports and the 1941 reports showed that several societies claiming 100% were not entitled to this grade because they had not qualified on all of the points.

Tributes

MRS. J. W. DAVIS

The members of the Women's Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church of Topeka, Kansas, wish to pay a tribute of love and respect to the memory of Mrs. J. W. Davis, who passed away June 3, 1941.

In early life she united with the church in New Wilmington, Pennsylvania. Since 1885 her home has been in Topeka, Kansas.

Mrs. Davis loved God's house and every phase of its work and worship. Her interest in missionaries and mission work was evidenced by her prayers, her gifts and her service.

We miss her presence among us but our lives were made richer because of our association with her in the work of the Master. To her family and friends we extend loving sympathy.

Committee.

MRS. AGNES GARDNER

Lovely and of good report is a devoted Christian life.

It is with sincere gratitude to God that we, the members of the Women's Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian congregation of Reinbeck, Iowa, pay a loving tribute to the life of Mrs. Agnes Gardner, who passed away so quietly and peacefully, from her home here to her home above, July 30, 1941, just hand in hand with Him she had served so faithfully.

During her long life of more than 98 years she was a faithful and loyal supporter of the church. Even after failing health kept her from our active service she continued her interest in the church.

Mrs. Thomas Mooty,
Mrs. C. W. Ehlers.

MISS ELIZABETH HARE

The Women's Missionary Society of the Homewood United Presbyterian Church desires to pay a loving tribute to Miss Elizabeth Hare, who died July 2, 1941. For many years a faithful member of our society, she was dependable, sincere, kind. Believing in the promises of God, she testified truly to the beauty and reality of the Christian religion. Our sympathy is extended to the family.—Committee.

MRS. R. W. LAMB

We wish to pay loving tribute to the memory of Mrs. R. W. Lamb who passed away July 5, 1941, after a long illness.

For many years she had been a faithful, consistent member of our church, interested in all of its activities.

For 24 years she was teacher of the Reliance Sabbath school class and was a life member of the W. G. M. S.

She was a loving wife and mother and left to her family a heritage of high principle and good example.

To her family we extend our sympathy.

Women's Missionary Society of
Rock Prairie U. P. Church.

MISS ANNA F. MILLER

The Young Women's Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church of Unity, Pennsylvania, wishes to pay tribute to the memory of Miss Anna F. Miller who passed away May 11, 1941.

During her illness of nearly a year her interest in her church work and in her friends never ceased, as she chose to make the place of suffering one of service and thus to inspire her folks and her friends with faith and hope. Her sun went down while it was yet day, yet she accomplished more in her life than many others in threescore and ten years.

To her family we extend our sincere sympathy.

Committee.

MRS. WILLIAM SMART

The Women's Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church of Santa Ana, California, wishes to pay this tribute of love and respect to the memory of Mrs. William Smart, who was called to her eternal home January 16, 1941.

Mrs. Smart who was a charter member of our society was a faithful and active worker for many years. Her love for God's house and for God's day and her unbounded interest in all missionary and church work left an indelible impression upon all of us.

We extend our sincere sympathy to the relatives and friends and commend them to the Savior whom she loved and served.

The Executive Committee.

MRS. W. H. COOKSON

The King's Daughters' Missionary Society and Sabbath School Class of the United Presbyterian Church of Grove City, Pa., wish to pay loving tribute to Mrs. W. H. Cookson who was called home August 29, 1941.

She was a devoted wife and mother and a faithful worker in her Church and community. She will be sadly missed, but our loss is her gain and we commend her loved ones to the care of Our Heavenly Father.

The Committee.

PRESENT ADDRESS OF MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED BY THE WOMEN'S GENERAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY AND DATE OF APPOINTMENT

(c-o American Mission should be added to each foreign address)

INDIA

Miss Ruth I. Ardrey, 1921—Sialkot City
Miss Helen Artman, 1920—Sheikhupura
Miss Margaret E. Ballantyne—1941, Kinnaird College, Lahore
Miss Kathryn Beattie, 1920—Martinpur
Miss Minnie Beatty, 1912—Abbottabad
Miss Hazel Bennett, 1908—Gujranwala
Miss R. Jean Black, 1921—Sialkot City
Miss Lois Boyd, 1918—Sangla Hill
Miss N. Addaline Brandon, 1931—Sargodha
Miss Frances E. Brown, 1927, 1937—Lyallpur
Miss Theresa I. Brownlee, 1922—Sialkot City
Miss Marie Cash, R.N., 1926—Pasrur
Miss Evelyn Catheart, 1925—Sheikhupura
Miss Marjorie Faught, R.N., 1938—Sialkot City
Miss Margaret Fehlman, 1918—Zafarwal
Miss Betsy Fleming, 1918—Sargodha
Miss Vida J. Graham, 1922—Pathankot
Miss Eva M. Hewitt, 1930—Campbellpur
Miss Alice G. Hill, 1938—Lyallpur
Miss Kate A. Hill, 1896—Sialkot City
Miss Janette Howland, 1921—Campbellpur
Miss Reba C. Hunsberger, M.D., 1921—Sialkot City
Miss Flora Jameson, 1903—Sangla Hill
Miss Mary Kyle, 1904—Badomali
Miss Olive Laing, 1912—Rawalpindi
Miss Sarah Jane Lamont, 1928—Pathankot
Miss Glendine Lundquist, R.N., 1932—Sialkot City
Miss Laura R. MacLachlan, 1938—Badomali
Miss Elizabeth F. McConnell, R.N., 1931—Jhelum
Miss Lillian A. McConnell, 1902—Jhelum
Miss E. Marjorie McCrory, 1936—Jhelum
Miss Evelyn M. McKelvey, R.N., 1938—Sialkot
Miss Margaret Murdoch, 1924—Sangla Hill
Miss Ruth M. Nichol, 1938—Sialkot City
Miss Marion T. Peterson, 1930—Rawalpindi
Miss Willa M. Ramsey, 1921—Pathankot
Miss Laura Reynolds, 1924—Sangla Hill
Miss Louise Scott, 1916—Gujranwala
Miss Vivian Trimble, 1921—Pathankot
Miss Ruth A. Warnock, 1913, 1936—Sargodha
Miss Helen V. Weede, 1928—Zarfarwal
Miss Georga Wengert, 1920—Gurdaspur
Miss Dora B. Whitely, 1911—Pasrur

HONORARY RETIRED MISSIONARY

Miss Mary J. Campbell, 1884—1435 Shepherd St., N.W., Washington, D. C.

NOW IN THIS COUNTRY

Miss Lois M. Buchanan—334 N. Rutan St., Wichita, Kan.
Miss Evva P. Hartig, R.N., 1924—57 Broadway, Frostburg, Md.
Miss Mary Frances Lincoln, R.N., 1920—1502 Penn Ave., Wichita, Kans.
Miss Kate E. Spencer, 1918—E. Main St., Oblong, Ill.

RETIRED

Miss Emma Dean Anderson, 1881—231 Franklin St., Slippery Rock, Pa.
Miss Laurella G. Dickson, 1897—Tarkio, Mo.
Miss Ella M. Gordon, 1893—Pattersonville, N. Y.
Miss Mary E. Logan, 1891—Rushville, Ind.
Miss Rosa McCullough, 1879—Greenwood, Mo.

RETIRED (from Egypt)

*Miss Rena L. Hogg, 1899—Assiut
Miss Ella M. Barnes, 1911—926 E. 1st St., Monmouth, Ill.
Miss Minnehaha Finney, 1894—121 N. 7th St., Sterling, Kans.

EGYPT

Miss Margaret A. Bell, 1901—Fayum
Miss Helen R. Brownlee, R.N., 1934—Assiut
Mrs. Mary K. Coventry, 1918—Benha
Miss Anna B. Criswell, 1905—Assiut
Mrs. Ada A. Dunlap, 1926—Fayum
Miss Lucia Dwight, 1919—Beni Suef
Miss Davida Finney, 1915—Assiut
Miss Elsie French, 1909—Cairo
Miss Martha C. Glass, 1922—Assiut
Miss Eulalia D. Grether, 1929—Tanta
Miss Alice Grimes, 1924—Cairo
Miss A. Constance Harper, 1937—Benha
Miss Lucy Lightowler, 1921—Cairo
Miss Helen J. Martin, 1915—Cairo
Miss Evelyn McFarland, 1919—Cairo
Miss E. McKibben, R.N., 1924—Tanta
Miss Mabel McMichael, 1937—Tanta
Miss Carol E. McMillan, 1906—Beni Suef
Miss Sarah B. Meloy, 1928—Cairo
Miss Marion A. Paden, 1902—Tanta
Miss Venna R. Patterson, 1924—Minia
Miss Frances Patton, 1922—Mansura
Miss Stella Robertson, 1922—Cairo
Miss Martha A. Roy, 1938—Luxor
Miss Edna B. Sheriff, 1920—Alexandria
Miss Nellie C. Smith, 1911—Cairo
Miss Mary M. Stevenson, 1939—Cairo
Miss Mary C. Thompson, 1939—Tanta
Miss Helen M. Walker, 1930—Assiut
Miss Laura B. Walker, 1904—Mansura
Miss Ethel L. Weed, 1919—Alexandria
Miss Ida B. Whiteside, 1913—Luxor
Miss Esther W. Wilson, 1919—Luxor
Mrs. Margaret J. Work, 1939—Cairo
Miss Ruth A. Work, 1904—Assiut
Miss Laura Wright, 1921—Tanta

NOW IN THIS COUNTRY

Miss Leota Cabeen, 1909—5th Ave., St. Joseph, Mo.
Miss Mary F. Dawson, 1922—404 W. Main St., Pullman, Wash.
Miss Alta G. French, 1925—Goldfield, Iowa
Miss Alfretta M. Hammond, 1904—State Hospital, Warren, Pa.
Miss Lois D. Kingan, 1926. c/o J. C. Downs—3222 Wainbell Ave., (16) Pittsburgh, Pa.
Miss E. Roxy Martin, 1901—1239 Filmore St., Frankford, Philadelphia, Pa.
Miss Dora B. Mason, 1918—2515 Orlando Drive, 21, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Miss Lillian McClelland, 1923—1011 S. Parkview St., Los Angeles, Calif.

THE SUDAN

Miss Mary E. Coie, 1919—Omdurman
Miss Una Coie, 1918—Khartum North
Miss Mary V. Ewing, R.N., 1939—Doleib Hill
Miss Elsie E. Grove, 1912—Doleib Hill
Miss Marguerite McClellan, 1926—Khartum North
Miss Aulora R. McIntyre, 1911—Wad Medani
Miss Ellen P. Smith, 1938—Khartum North
Miss C. Blanche Soule, 1921—Wad Medani
Miss Frances Turk, R.N.—Khartum North

NOW IN THIS COUNTRY

Ruth Beatty, R.N., (Formerly of Ethiopia) c/o Mrs. Sydney Smith, Reedsville, Pa.
Miss Isabel Blair, 1922—80 Brownson Ave., Washington, Pa.
Miss Ray Huffman, R.N., 1924—315 E. Fourth St., Oklahoma City, Okla.
Miss Mary Jane McKnight, 1922—235 East 49th St., New York, N. Y.
Miss E. Verna Pillow, 1930—Sterling, Kans.
Miss Ruth Williamson—1100 McClellan St., Tama, Iowa

* Retired.

Pilgrims Going to Church.

TWO PATHS

There is a path that in this life
Leads man in safety through all strife,
The selfsame path that Jesus trod—
The path of love that leads to God.

There is a path that leads away
From God who is man's hope and stay;
It is a path that brings no gain,
But only sorrow, loss, and pain.

Then follow Him and Him obey
Who said to man, "I am the Way."
The path of safety He will show
To all who seek His will to know.

(Mrs. C. W.) Elsie Wehling Fulton,
Secretary of Prayer Groups.

A Little Time Apart

The Statue Of Liberty

(A Gift to America from France)

Engraved on this statue is the following poem, by Emma Lazarus, a Jewess

Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame,
With conquering limbs astride from land to land,
Here at our sea-washed gates shall stand,
A mighty woman whose torch, whose flame
Is prisoned lightning, and her name
Mother of exiles. From her beacon-hand
Glows world-wide welcome.
"Keep, ancient lands, your storied pomp" cries she,
With silent lips. "Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free....
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me
I lift my lamp beside the open door."